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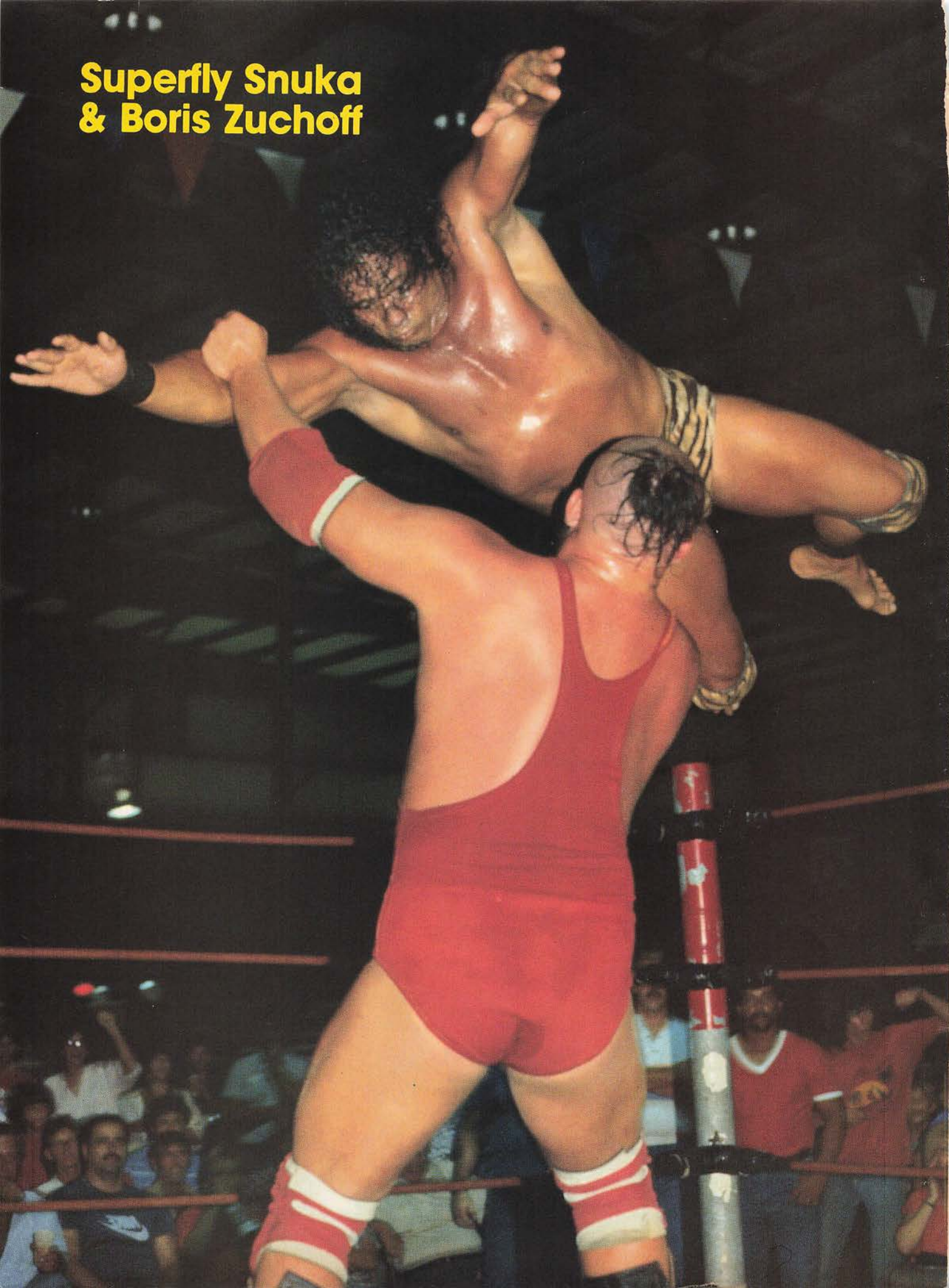
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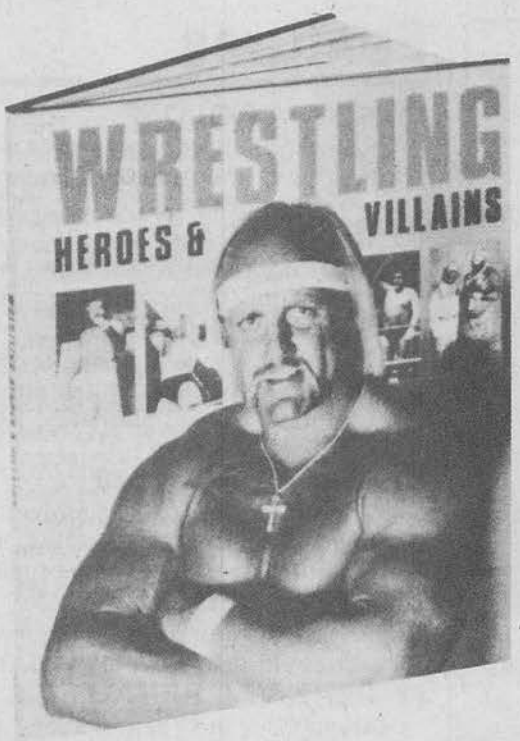

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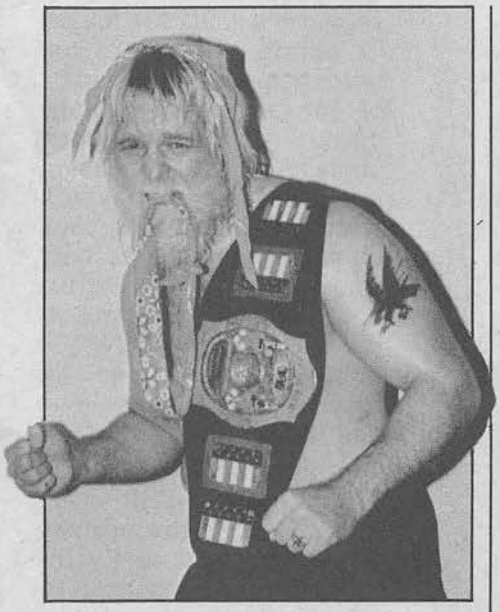

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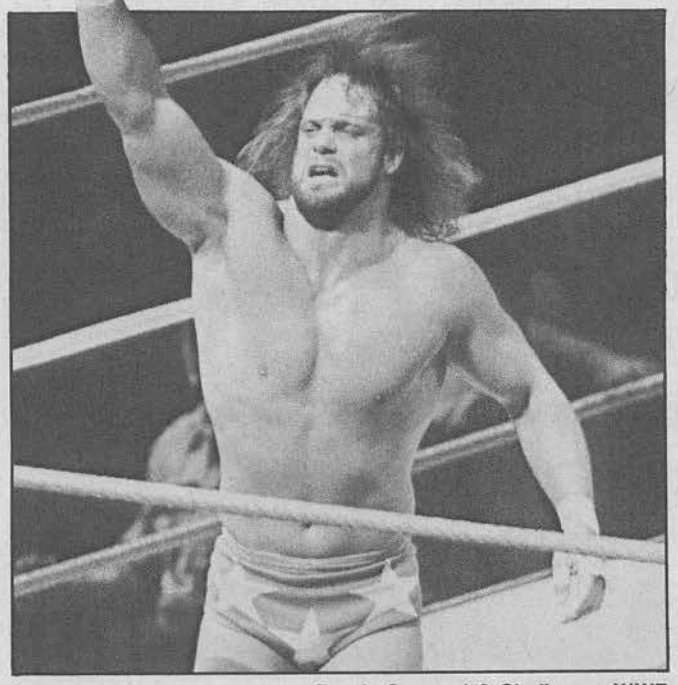

Randy Savage/#3 Challenger WWF

Vince McMahon's

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

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INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPION: RANDY SAVAGE
WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS: THE BRITISH BULLDOGS (DAVEY BOY SMITH & DYNAMITE KID)

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2. HARLEY RACE
3. RANDY SAVAGE
4. KING KONG BUNDY
5. BIG JOHN STUDD
6. BOB ORTON
7. MAGNIFICENT MURACO
8. JAKE ROBERTS
9. BUTCH REED
10. HERCULES HERNANDEZ

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Jim Crockett's

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

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U.S. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION: NIKITA KOLOFF
WORLD TV CHAMPION: TULLY BLANCHARD
WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONS:
RICKY MORTON & ROBERT GIBSON

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2. NIKITA KOLOFF
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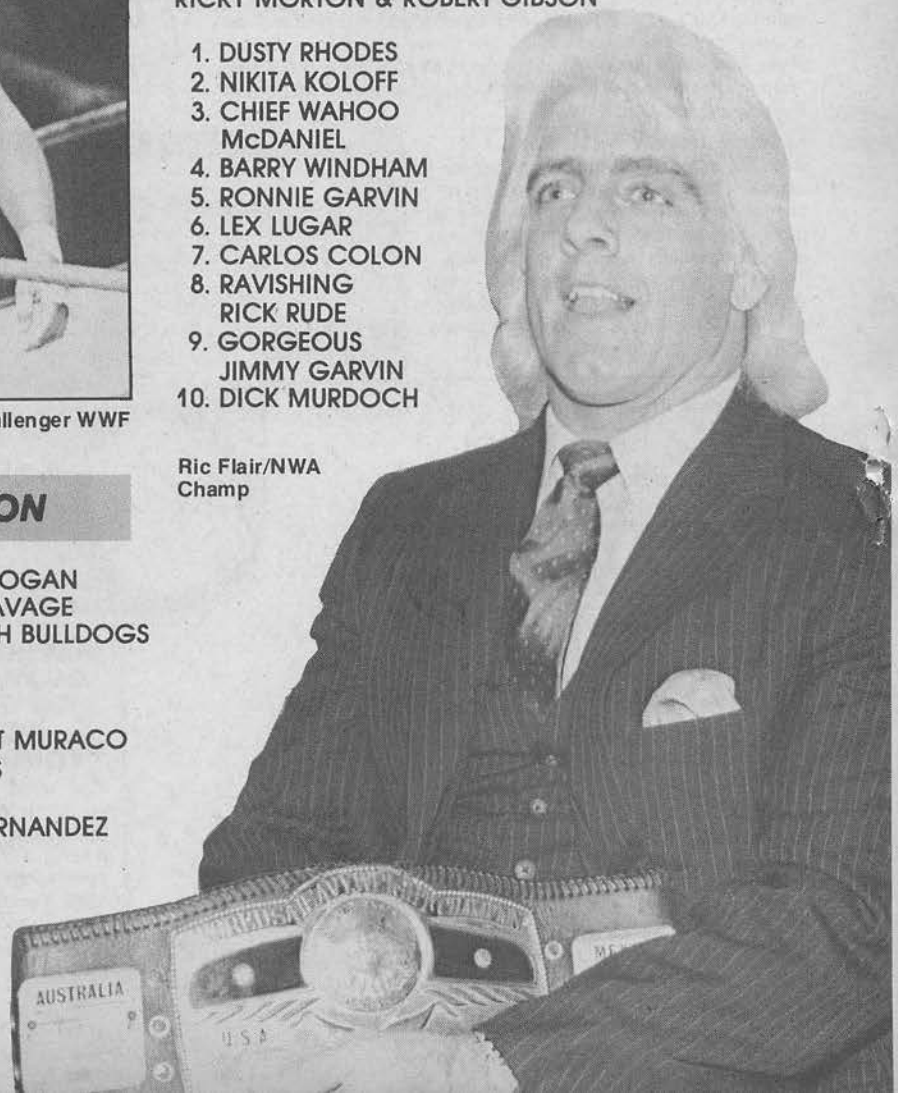

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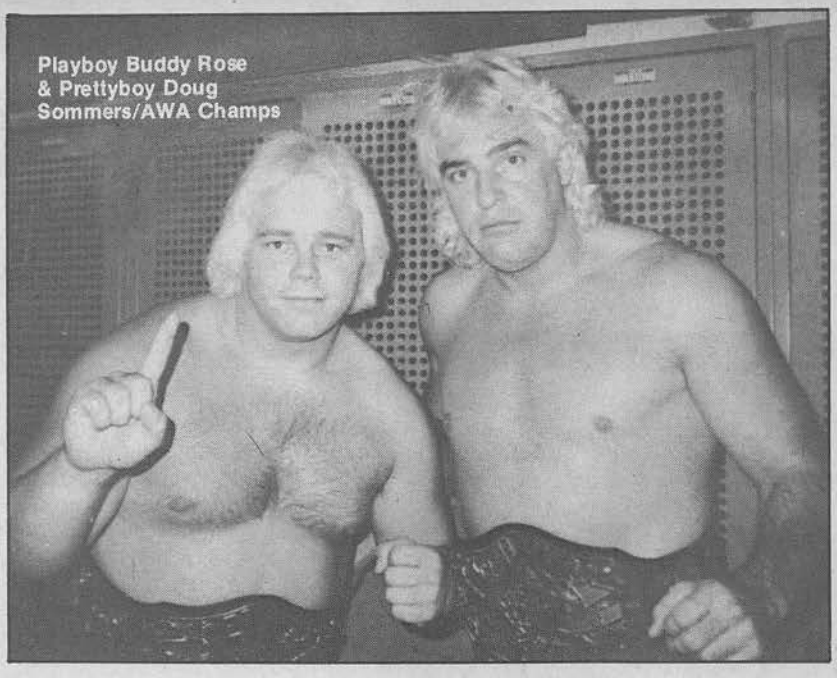

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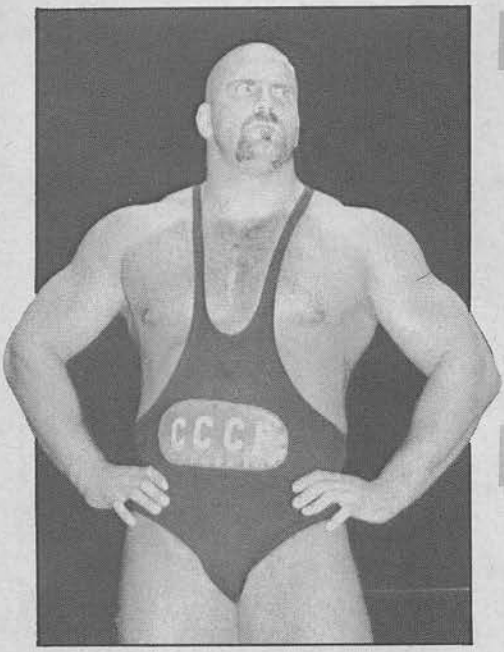

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3. TERRY TAYLOR
4. MICHAEL HAYES
5. STEVE WILLIAMS
6. CHRIS ADAMS
7. THE MISSING LINK
8. RICK STEINER
9. CHAVO GUERRERO

MOST POPULAR

1. DUSTY RHODES
2. HULK HOGAN
3. HACKSAW JIM DUGGAN
4. NIKITA KOLOFF
5. LANCE VON ERICH
6. BARRY WINDHAM
7. TERRY TAYLOR
8. RODDY PIPER
9. TED DiBIASE

Nikita Koloff/#4 Most Popular

MOST HATED

1. RIC FLAIR
2. PAUL ORNDORFF
3. MICHAEL HAYES
4. COL. DeBEERS
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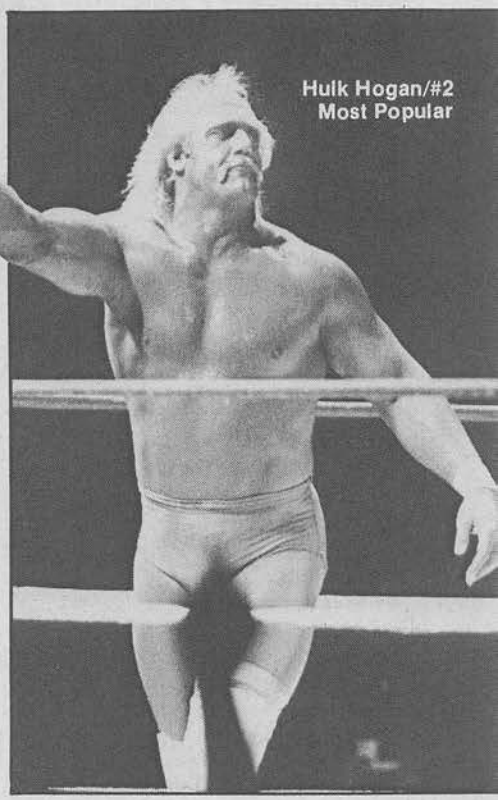

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J.J. Dillon/#5 Best Manager

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8. JIMMY HART
9. SIR OLIVER HUMPERDINCK
10. EDDIE GILBERT

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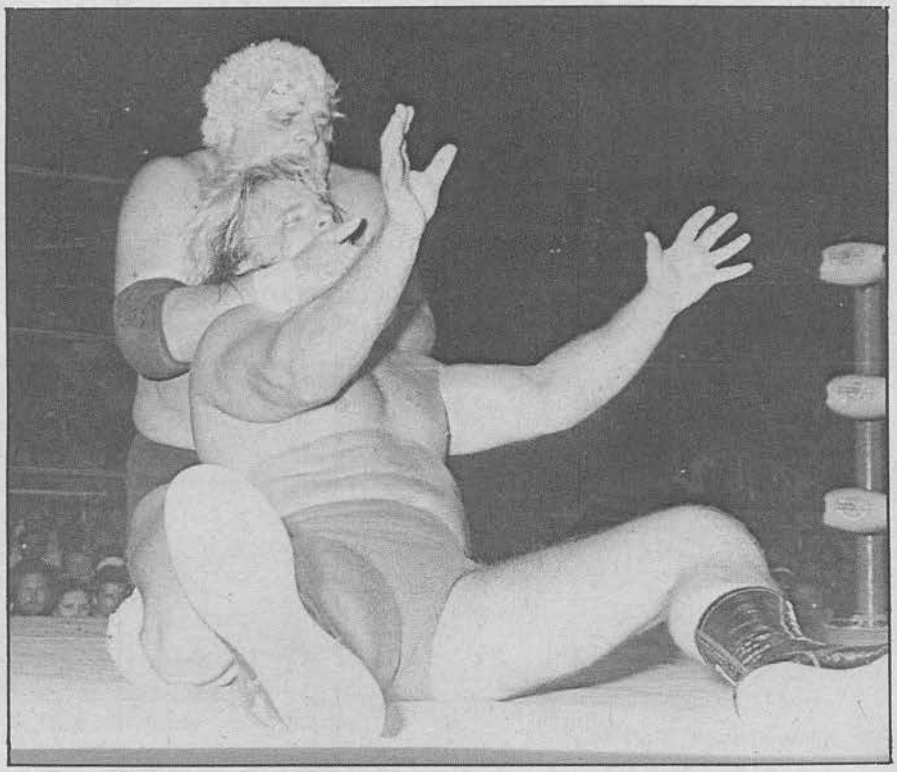

Fan Beware!

I've taken about all I'm going to take from you bums out there who don't have anything better to do than to write letters to a magazine. I mean, all this criticism and complaints against me, these accusations, some of you have even gone so far to say that I break the rules! What rules? The only rule is to win, to break your opponent into little pieces and let him be swept up with the trash. That's just the trouble with you people out there. You just don't know anything about wrestling or life in general. Believe me, only the strong survive and I ought to know. I'm the strongest, the meanest! All I've got to say is, if you ever sit in the front row during one of my matches, I'll know who you are. Yeah, I'll spot you for sure. Yes, I promise you one thing. I'll throw my helpless opponent over the top rope and right into your lap, that's what I'll do. So, if you don't like my style, better not sit in the front row. Better still, stay at home where the rest of the sissies in the world belong. Yeah!

From an unnamed Rulebreaker

A Cure For Female Meddlers

Dear Championship Wrestling,

I'm just like you, I'm sick and tired of hearing about all these female meddlers, especially those who pretend to be managers or assistants, while all they really want to do is help their wrestler boyfriend in the ring. First off, I don't see how any guy, especially a wrestler, would let a female help him out of any problem. Have you ever seen John Wayne get rescued by a woman? And second, everyone knows that all these females want to do is cause trouble anyway. But I have a sure cure. I tested it on my sister. She used to cause me problems until I cured her. I took this big wad of bubble gum all chewy and gooey and stuck it in her hair. Ha, she had to cut it out. You ought to have seen what she looked like! Ha, even her boyfriend laughed! That's it. Each wrestler ought to chew a wad of gum and anytime a female meddler tries to get near, just stick the gum in her hair. Yeah, she won't be back, that's one thing for sure.

Billy Little
Santa Cruz, CA

I Hate Ric Flair

Dear Championship Wrestling,

Hello, my favorite wrestler is Dusty Rhodes. My least favorite Ric Flair. I like Dusty because he gets in the ring to take care of his business,

and don't need help. I least like Ric because when he gets in the ring he needs help with whoever he fights. Ric also doesn't deserve the belt, he's been beat so many times it's awful. My favorite tag is Rock-n-Roll

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Express. My least favorite is the Minnesota Wrecking Crew. The R-n-R Express is my favorite because they know what they're doing when they get in the ring. The Anderson's are my least favorite because they don't know how to fight.

Your friend,
Melissa Reneau
Ft. Worth, Tx.

Flair's Tactics

Dear Championship Wrestling,

I think your magazine would be alot better without Ric Flair. Your articles & pictures of him are a waste of paper. Ricky Morton could probably take his belt from him if Flair wasn't such a cheat. Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson are always interfering and helping Flair. They interfere because they know Flair's not man enough to wrestle Ricky one on one. Ric Flair is jealous because he knows he could never be the man Ricky Morton is.

Sandy Moran
Chicago, Ill.

In The Future

Dear Championship Wrestling,

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1. Rip Rogers
2. Buzz Sawyer
3. Terry Funk
4. Manny Fernandez
5. Pez Whately "Shaska"
6. Ron Starr

Keep up the great job. Also, can I have a list of Championship Wrestling back issues? Your help would be appreciated.

Pat Kelly
Detroit, MI.

Stay tuned. You'll see your favorites in the near future!

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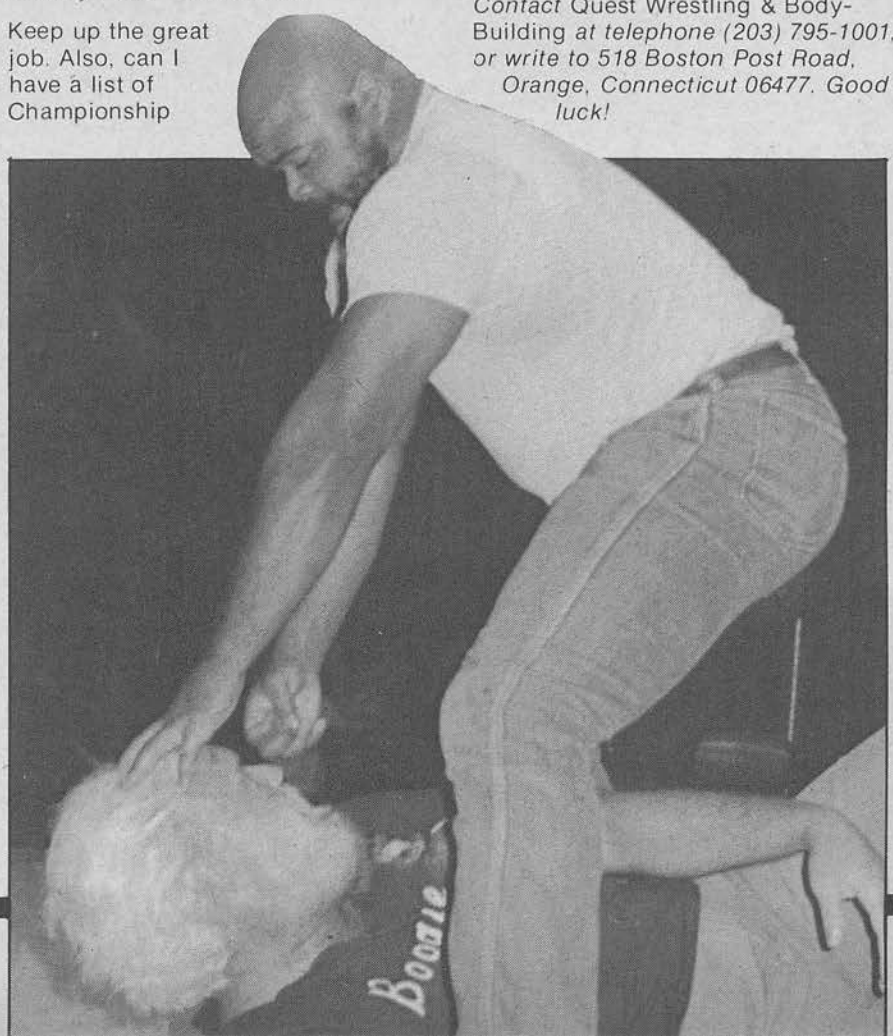
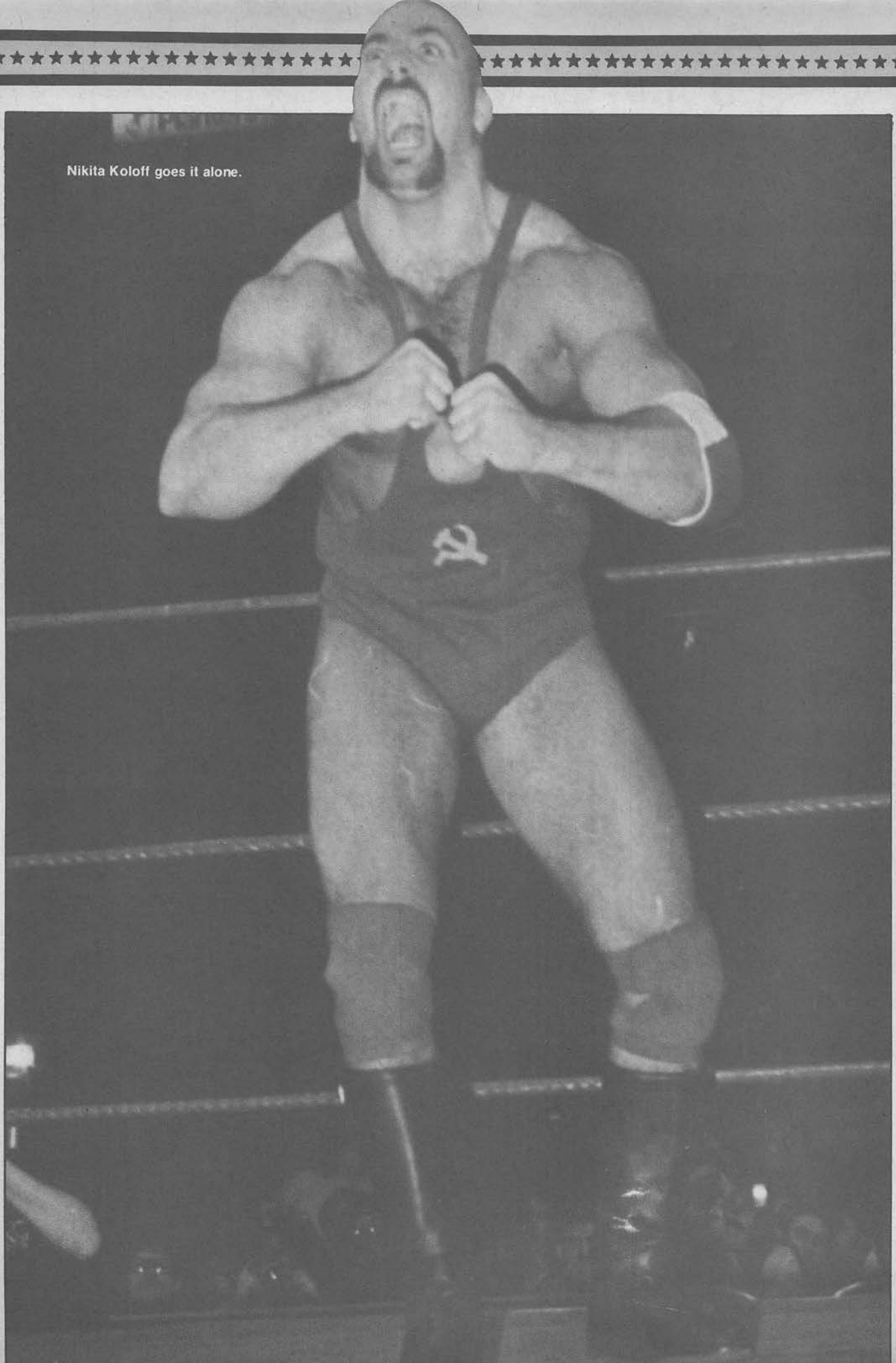




Nikita Koloff goes it alone.

Nikita Koloff: NEWEST UGLY AMERICAN

Koloff has turned against Moscow and his uncle Ivan to team with the American Dream in his struggle to rid wrestling of foreign traitors.

By Frank Amato

Ivan Koloff from Moscow, Russia, is a major wrestling star known far and wide. For over two decades Ivan Koloff has been a top star who is known for his tough, no nonsense attitude when it comes to wrestling. When he first hit our shores in the mid-sixties he spoke little English, so managers like Tony Angelo and Captain Lou Albano spoke on his behalf. That was then and this is now.

Today Ivan Koloff speaks for himself and does a masterful job of getting his points across. He needs no manager. In fact he has become a manager himself. Why not? Ivan knows the ins and outs of wrestling. He knows how to seek out the best contracts for the best money, not only for himself but for his proteges Khrusher Khruschev and his nephew Nikita Koloff. That is, he did speak for Nikita until very recently. Things have changed rather suddenly for Ivan which has thrown him for a loss. The aspirin bottle has been receiving constant use of late.

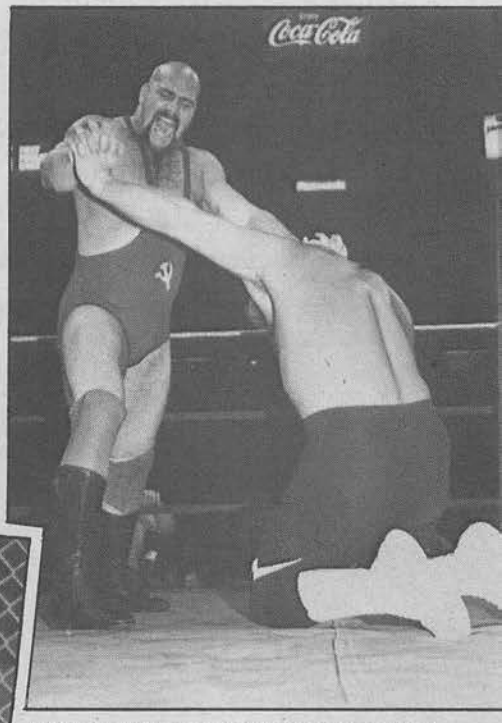
Nikita's Defection

The reason for Ivan's woes have come from Nikita Koloff's defection. Yes, Nikita Koloff known as The Russian Nightmare has turned to the other side and embraces the likes of Dusty Rhodes known affectionately as The American Dream. Obviously Nikita seeks his own American dream.

Over two years ago Ivan Koloff used his influence to get nephew Nikita Koloff a visa to leave Russia and participate in matches in America. The Kremlin was quite happy to let Ivan have his way, knowing the huge success he'd had in professional wrestling. Ivan Koloff is the only Russian to win a world heavyweight championship. Less one forgets, Ivan pinned legendary Bruno Sammartino at Madison Square Garden on January 18, 1971 to win the WWF belt.

Ivan also went on to gather unto himself various major belts along the way. The Southern Championship, Florida State Title, Canadian TV Title, Florida Tag Team Championship, Mid-Atlantic Title, Mid-Atlantic TV Title, Georgia State Title. The NWA World Tag Team Championship, with Nikita and Khrusher Khruschev twice, and most recently NWA U.S. Tag Team Championship with Krusher Khruschev. This latest championship was during a tournament which saw the russkies outlast The Kansas Jayhawks, Bobby Jaggers and Dutch Mantel.

Nikita Koloff was the apple of Ivan's eyes. He took his big nephew and taught him how to cope in wrestling's catch as catch can style.



Nikita Koloff powers his opponent down.

Nikita Koloff attacks Dusty Rhodes but now they are friends.

Koloff

Taught him now to cut corners and throw away the rulebook as only Ivan can. Also how to hate all American wrestlers. Taught him how weak Americans were. How strong a Russian was in mind, body and spirit. Ivan had big plans for his nephew. There was one thought in mind. That someday Nikita would wear the NWA World Heavyweight Championship.

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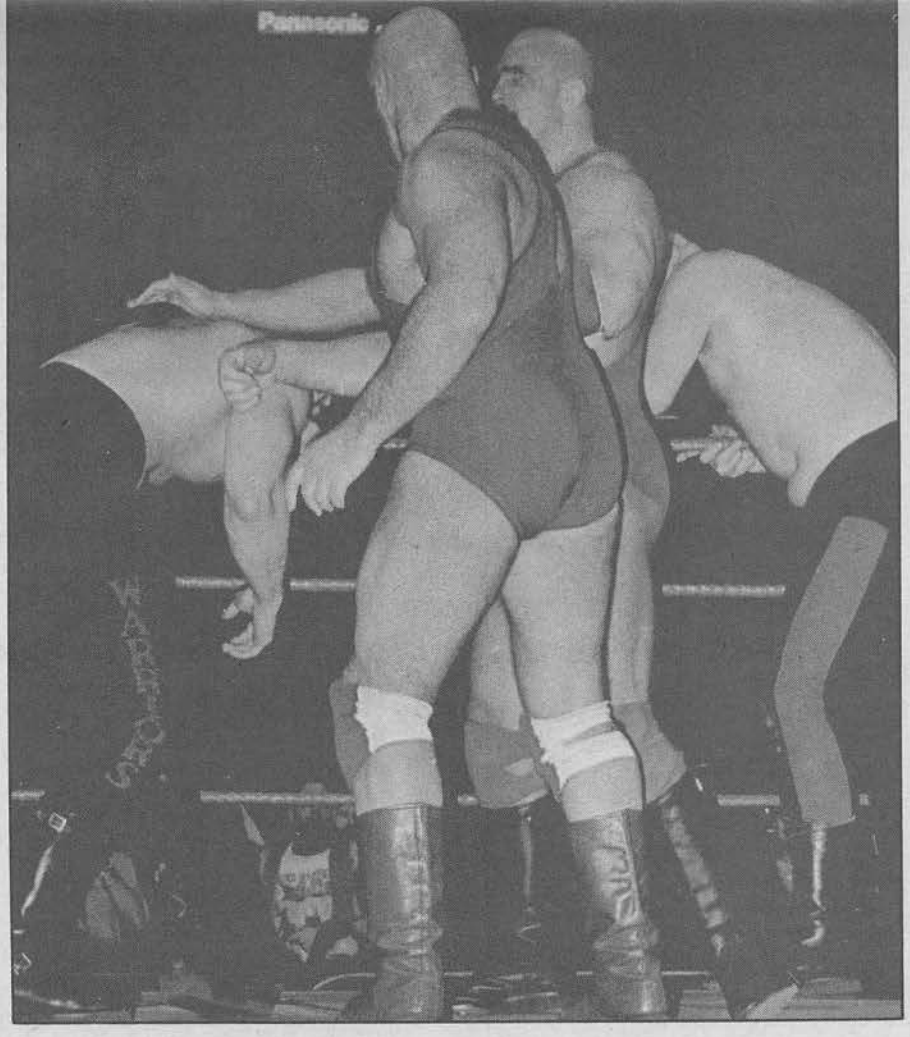
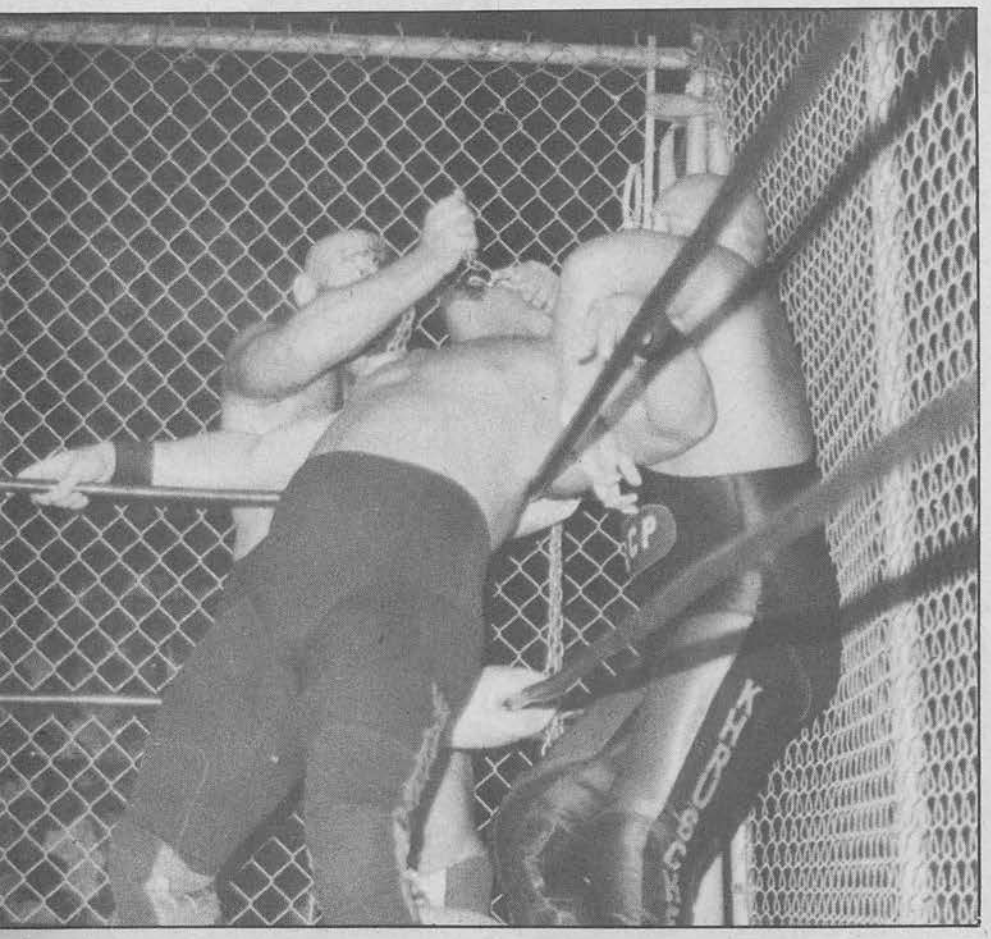


Ivan and Nikita Koloff in happier times as tag team.



That dream has been shattered for the present. Perhaps forever.

Nikita Koloff, with Ivan behind him, burst upon the wrestling scene like a juggernaut, gone wild. Nikita seemed unstoppable. They won the NWA World Tag Belts from Dusty Rhodes and Manny Fernandez. They lost the belts and regained them only to lose them back to the same team of Ricky Morton and Robert Gibson, known as The Rock-N-Roll Express. Ivan with Nikita and Khruschev won the NWA Six Man World Tag Belts.

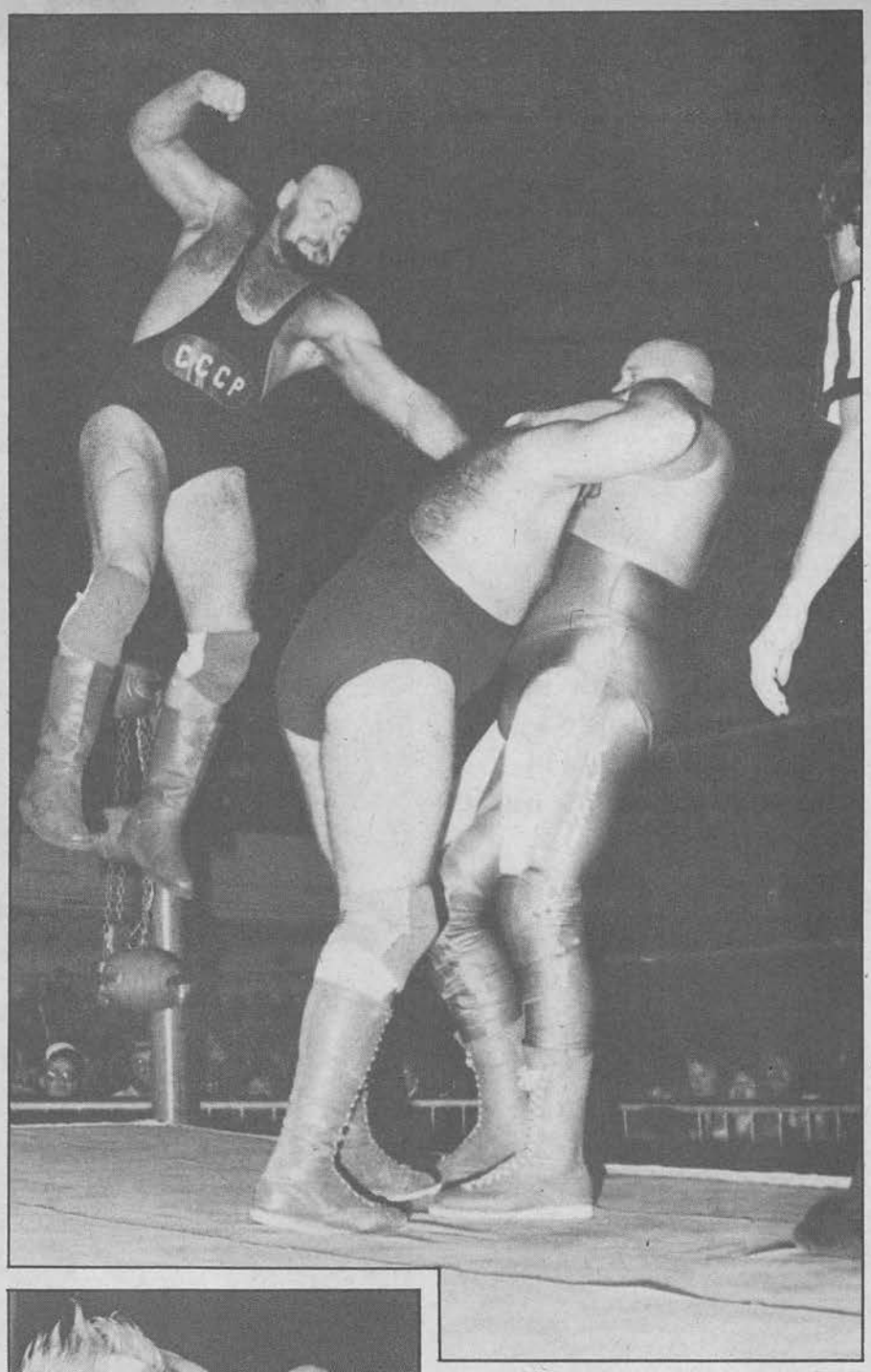
Still the big title was missing. Ivan pulled all the strings to get Nikita a title match with Ric Flair, the NWA kingpin. Nikita came so very close to upending Flair on several occasions and to this day Flair keeps a watchful eye on Nikita. Ivan feels that Nikita failed because of his lack of experience. "Nikita much too strong for Flair but Flair a wily veteran. Nikita can beat Flair if Flair not run away. Someday Nikita will be world champion like his uncle Ivan was."

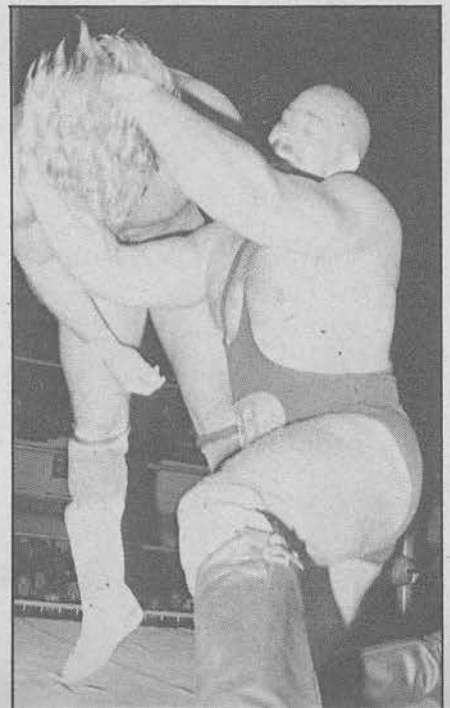
During the summer of '86 Ivan helped Nikita become embroiled in a

Ivan Koloff and Khrusher Khruschev use a chain on Animal.

feud with Magnum T.A., involving the NWA U.S. Championship. With the belt stripped from Magnum a seven match tournament was held during the American Bash sanctioned by Jim Crockett Jr. When all was said and done, the blood spilled, it was Nikita emerging the new U.S. Champion again with outside interference by Ivan and Khrusher. Then Crockett decided to merge the U.S. Belt and the National Belt held by Chief Wahoo McDaniel, with the winner holding one complete title. Nikita barrelled through, beating the great Indian mat star. On this very same card Ivan and Khrusher also won a tag team tournament that also merged the National Tag Title and the U.S. Tag Title, beating The Kansas Jayhawks.

Says Nikita: "From my matches with Magnum I find him real competitor. I no like some American ways but I admire fighters who meet Nikita head on. This goes for Rhodes. Rhodes needed help and Nikita hold out his hand and Rhodes take it. Uncle Ivan must accept my decision. If not we will settle things in ring like men."





Ivan Koloff and Khrusher Khruschev doubleteam opponent.

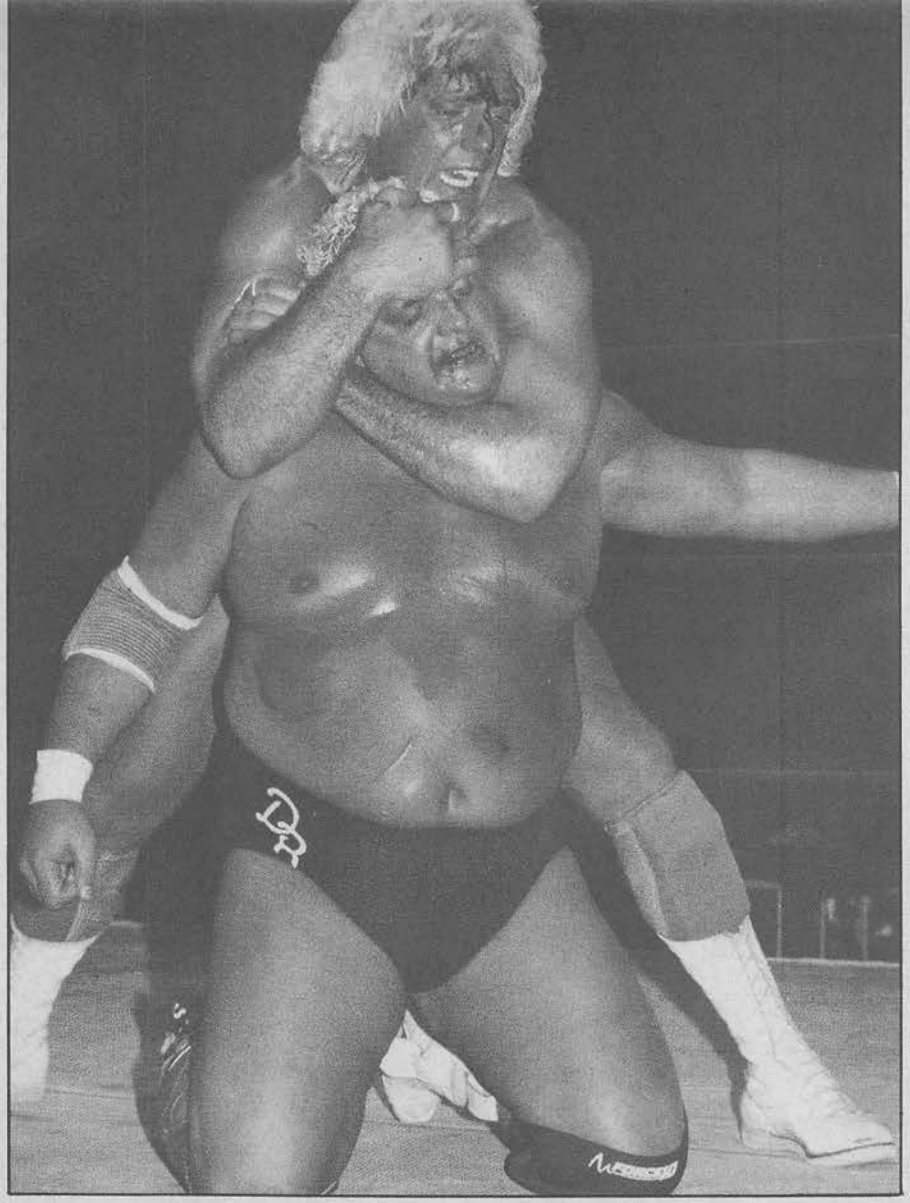
Ivan's Blunder

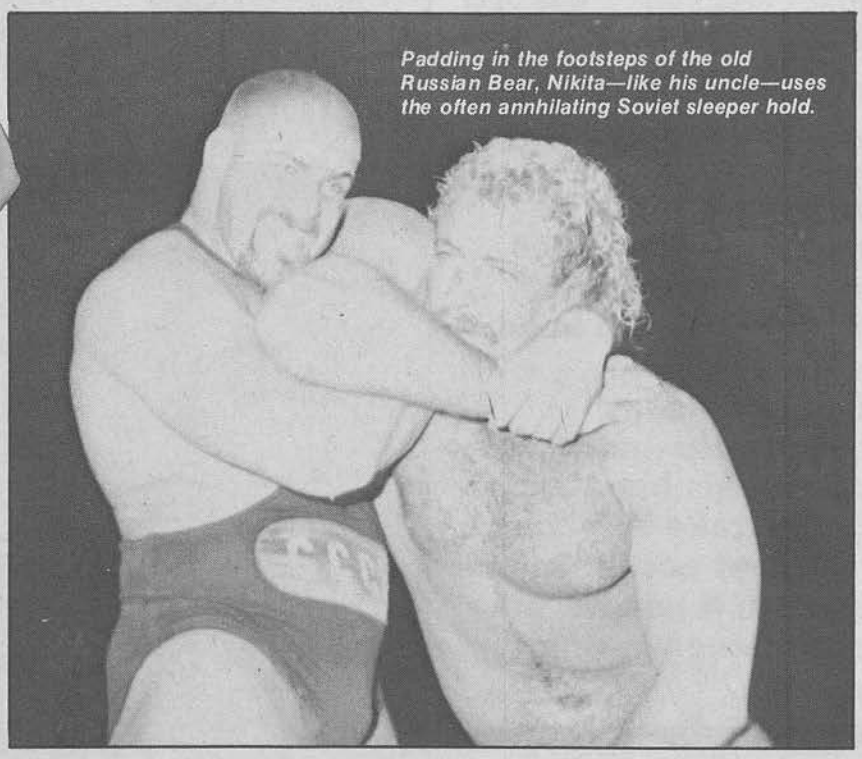
Now Ivan Koloff was sitting on easy street. The russkies had two major championships. They were back in the driver's seat. Ivan was so confident he accepted a four week tour of Japan. In that time Nikita was left to fend for himself. It turned into a major blunder for Ivan.

Koloff

Dusty Rhodes, during this hiatus, was attacked in a parking lot by Ole and Arn Anderson, Tully Blanchard and J.J. Dillon, breaking his arm. Dusty was scheduled to wrestle Dillon in a steel cage. For Dillon he was to have Ole Anderson in his corner. Dusty would have had Magnum T.A. in his corner but, two weeks prior, Magnum was seriously hospitalized in an automobile

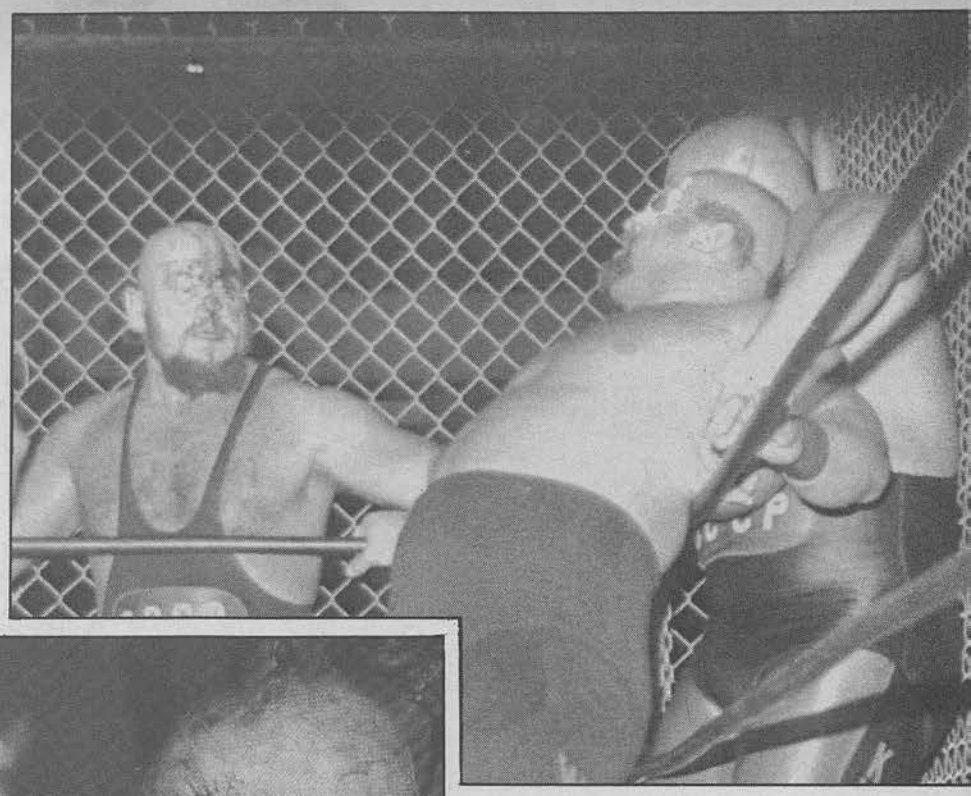
Says Ivan: "Nikita much too strong for Flair but Flair a wily veteran. Nikita can beat Flair if Flair not run away. Someday Nikita will be world champion like his uncle Ivan was."





Padding in the footsteps of the old Russian Bear, Nikita—like his uncle—uses the often annhilating Soviet sleeper hold.

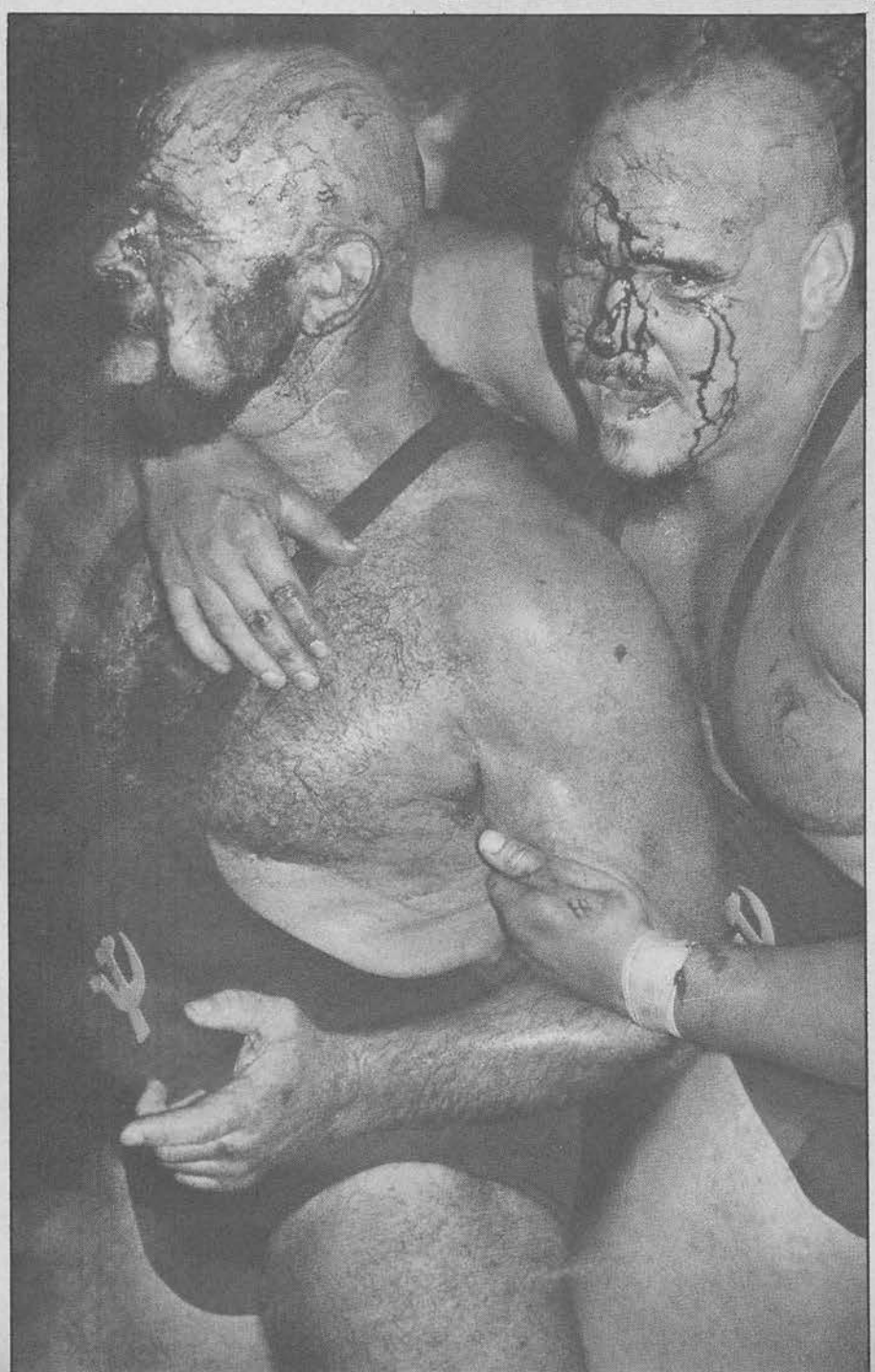
The Russians give Road Warrior, Animal, trouble.



accident. This was when fate dealt a hand. For some unknown reason at that time Nikita contacted Dusty to act as his second for the cage match. Dusty and Nikita overwhelmed Dillon and Anderson and a new tag team was born.

On his return from Japan, Ivan heard of all that took place. He was furious. He blamed Rhodes for turning Nikita's head. Says Ivan, "The Kremlin is furious with me. They are furious with Nikita. Nikita has been spoiled with capitalistic American ways."

The final blow which split the Russians apart came a week later when Ivan and Khrusher attacked Dusty and Nikita came to Dusty's aid, leveling Khrusher. Ivan was beside himself, "Nikita you are traitor to Russia. From this day forward you are no longer my nephew. I remove your name from family. You can keep your new friends."



Why did Nikita form a friendship with Dusty Rhodes, a once sworn enemy? Nikita says, "From my matches with Magnum I find him real competitor. I no like some American ways but I admire fighters who meet Nikita head on. This goes for Rhodes. Rhodes needed help and Nikita hold out his hand and Rhodes take it. Uncle Ivan must accept my decision. If not we will settle things in ring like men."

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This will be a war to end all wars in wrestling. No telling how it will end or who will survive. •

Chris Adams:

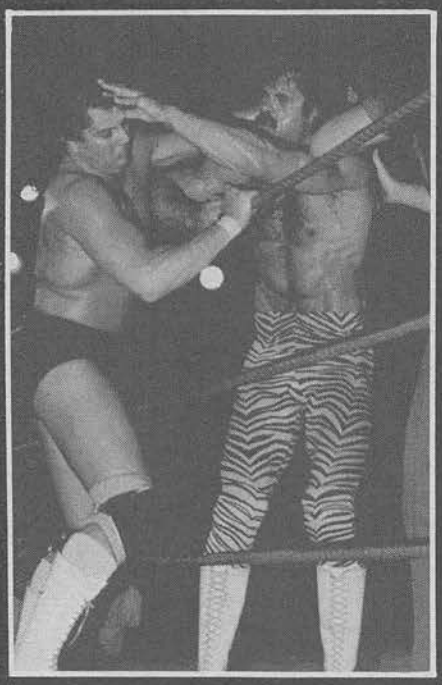
"Why I Left The

By Frank Amato

A time for decision preyed on the mind of Chris Adams. A decision on which course his wrestling career would take. Should he pursue his quest to regain the lost World Class World Heavyweight Championship or decide to accept a most lucrative offer from the UWF (Universal Wrestling Federation). Adams took the bull by the horns and bolted to the UWF.

"I felt it was time to move on," claims Adams who hails from England." This decision was very hard for me. I was very proud as World Class Champion. Suddenly the belt belonged to Black Bart. On one hand I wanted the belt back. I knew I could beat Bart. Then there was the urge to seek new challenges. I had been receiving calls from various promoters for months, to wrestle for them. I think moving on was the right choice."

There are those who think differently, like manager Percival Pringle III. He says, "Adams never deserved the belt. He became champion by my mistake. I was managing Ravishing Rick Rude who was the very first World Class Champion. During a championship match I hit Rick by mistake with my cane. It cost us the belt. Adams was lucky to stay champion as long as he did. Now he shows no guts in trying to regain the belt."



Was it truly a search for new challenges or a confession of cowardice? You be the judge.

Another manager, Gary Hart comments, "I say good riddance. I truly believe that Adams left in fear of Abdullah the Butcher. My man Butcher nearly blinded Adams again. Even without a belt Adams knew he must face Butcher. That would make any wrestler run in fear."

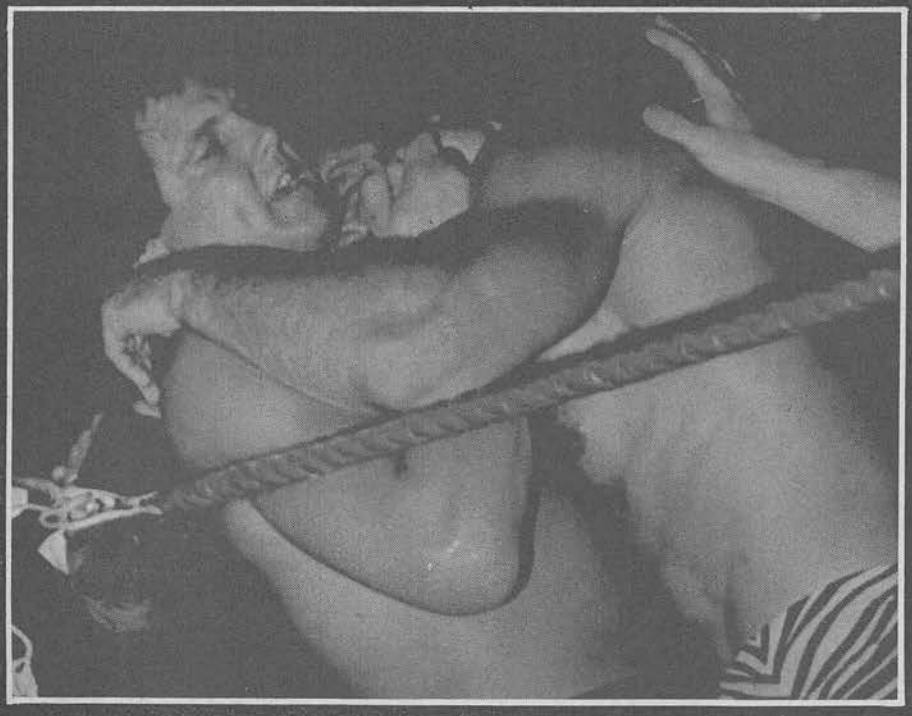
Steve Simpson

Steve Simpson whom often formed a tag team with Adams says, "Chris surprised me leaving so fast. Chris is no quitter. We became good friends and nobody fought as hard. He was proud being the champion. Losing the belt crushed him but he wanted the belt back. I knew he had other offers from promoters. Still I thought he would try to regain the belt. I wish him luck."

Ravishing Rick Rude who now appears in the NWA under Jim Crockett promotions offered these comments, "I thought Adams had more guts. Hey, I wrestled the man many times and he's tough. I lost my belt to Adams and I tried many times to regain it. If I was Adams I would have tried."

Chris Adams knew his decision would bring about some controversy, "This is my career and I know people will talk. I receive mail everyday from fans. They want me back in World Class. Believe me, I hated to leave. Much of the fan mail wishes me luck and hopes I return soon. I love the fans in the World Class and I'll miss them. I need new worlds to conquer and the UWF offers this challenge. This decision was most difficult."

The wrestling career of Chris Adams in the World Class was most successful. It had periods of highs, mostly highs. Then there was a definite low period. A period so low, his wrestling career was in jeopardy. Nearly finished. It took a man with inner fortitude to bounce back, better



Gentleman Chris Adams and Ravishing Rick Rude battle in corner.

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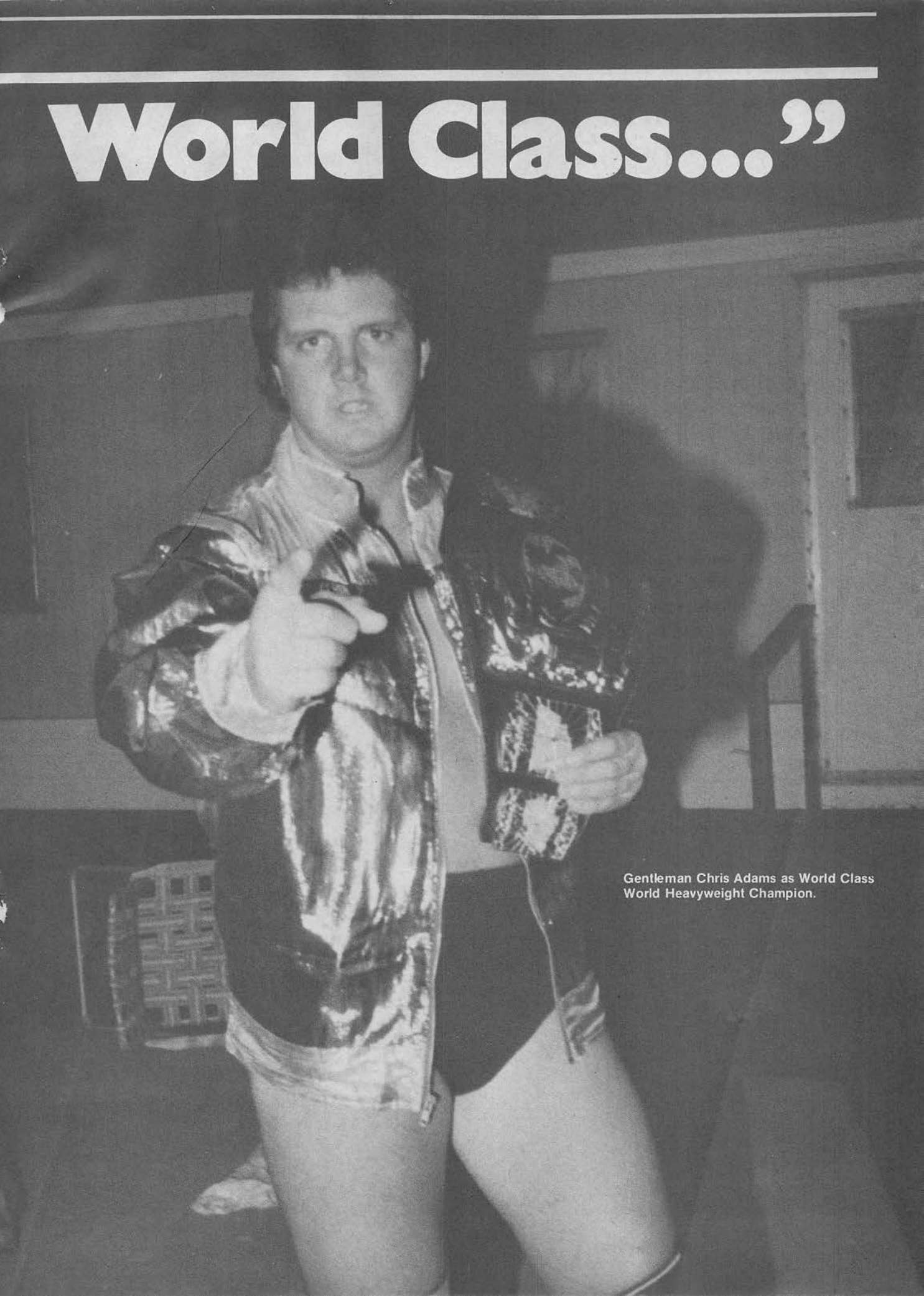

Gentleman Chris Adams as World Class World Heavyweight Champion.

Adams

than ever. Chris Adams would not be denied.

Some three years ago Adams left England to pursue his mat career. In England he played Soccer but loved wrestling. He chose wrestling and started his career there. He stopped in the World Class region in Texas. The fans liked what they saw. Adams

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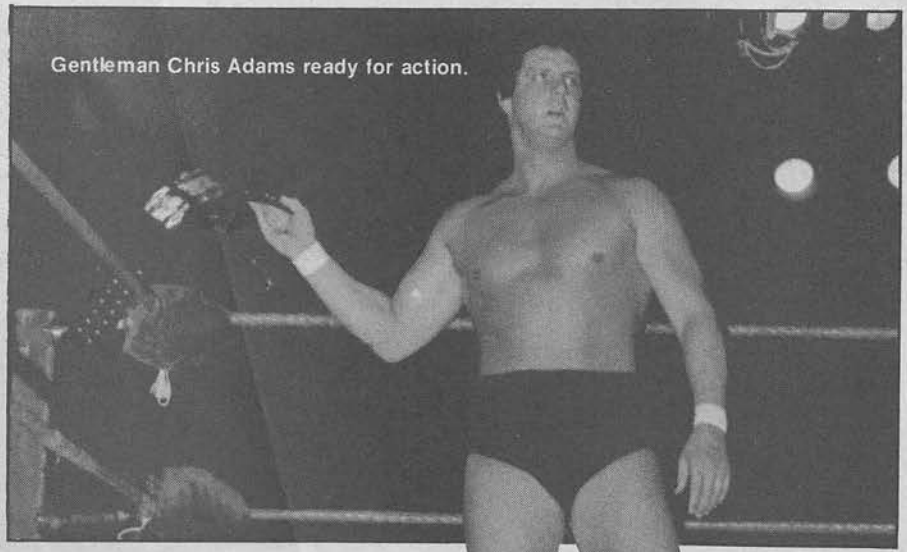
at 6'1" and 238 pounds was quite handsome. Adams produced a clean-cut style, with a vast repertoire of holds and maneuvers.

His most famous maneuver is called The Superkick. The French call it a Savatekick. Adams delivers this maneuver by twisting his body, his foot lashing out, catching his opponent under the chin, knocking them senseless. A pinfall usually follows. Adams is also adept at applying Gentleman Sleeper and Abdominal Stretch. If opponents want a brawl then Adams can and will brawl.



Gentleman Chris Adams ready for action.

Friend Of Von Erich's?

Known to his fans as Gentleman Chris Adams the fans rallied behind him. He quickly made friends with the Von Erich family. Chris would often team with Kerry, Kevin and the late David. Chris enjoyed his success and popularity, "I was lucky, mate.

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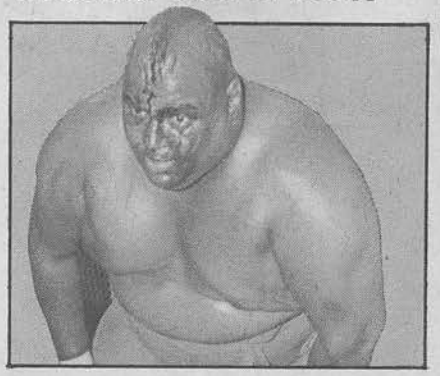
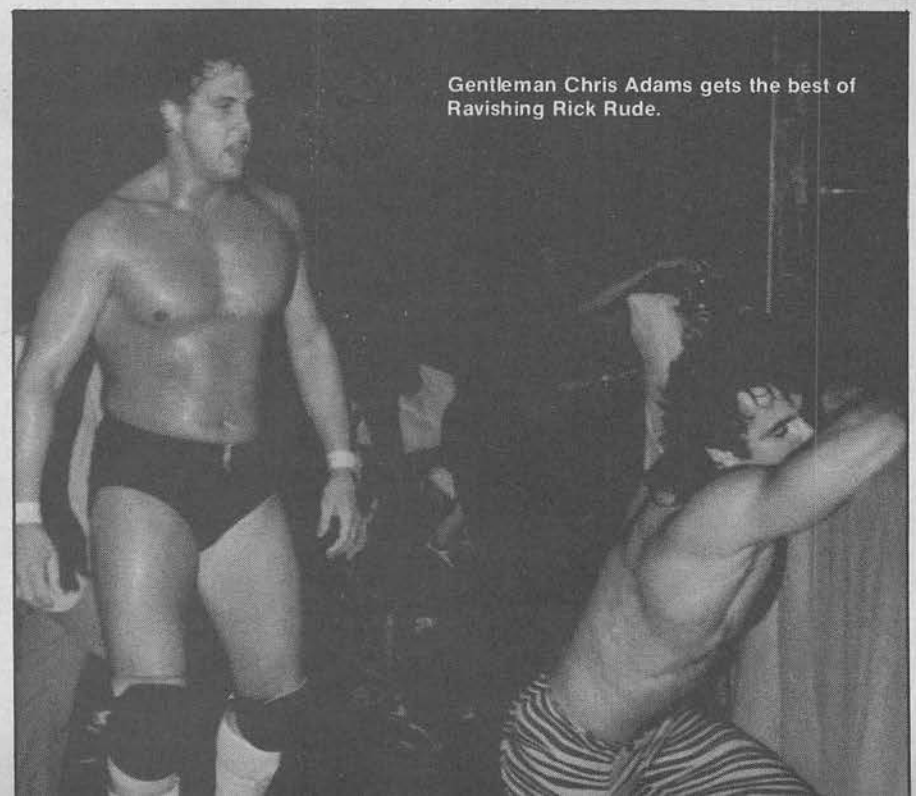


Gentleman Chris Adams uses his Sleeperhold on Ravishing Rick Rude.

The fans liked me for what I did. Then with the Von Erich's I enjoyed higher popularity. It was wonderful."

Adams gained in popularity by feuding with The Mongol and Kamala managed by General Scandor Akbar. This popularity was further cemented with his feud with Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin. Things looked great and suddenly it all fell apart. Chris had a falling out with the Von Erich family. A misunderstanding that resulted in a bitter feud that lasted two years.



Gentleman Chris Adams gets the best of Ravishing Rick Rude.

Showdown With Von Erich's

Adams aligned himself with Gino Hernandez and they caused havoc everywhere. Their feud took on warlike proportions against The Von Erich's. Adams and Hernandez adopted the song "Bad To The Bone." Meanwhile they won the American Tag Team Championship. Adams also won the American Championship. Together they

Adams

seemed invincible. Then fate intervened during a title tilt against Kerry and Kevin Von Erich.

For some strange and un-explained reason Hernandez refused some tag-offs by Adams. Adams blew his cool and attacked Hernandez. It was splitsville. This started a new feud which resulted in Adams getting near

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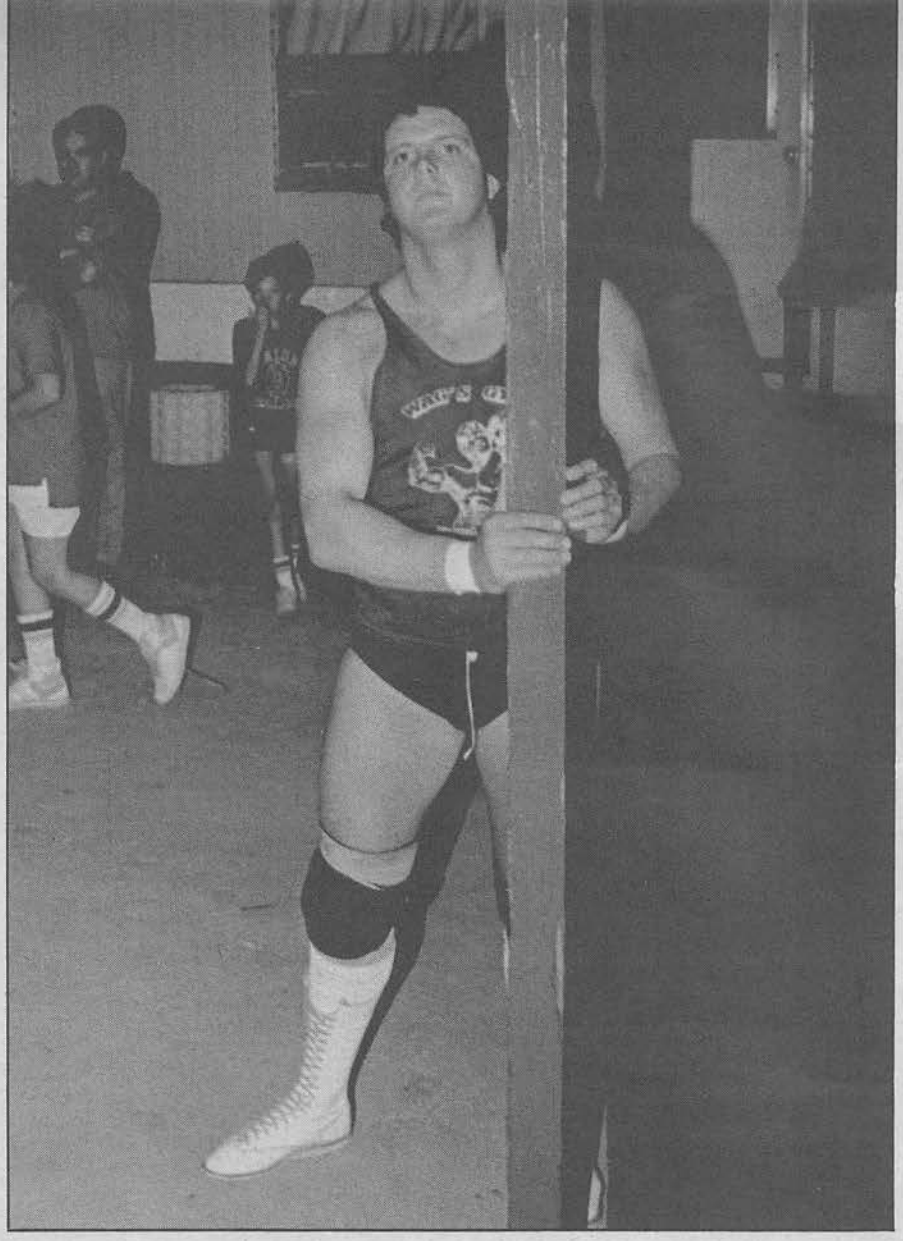
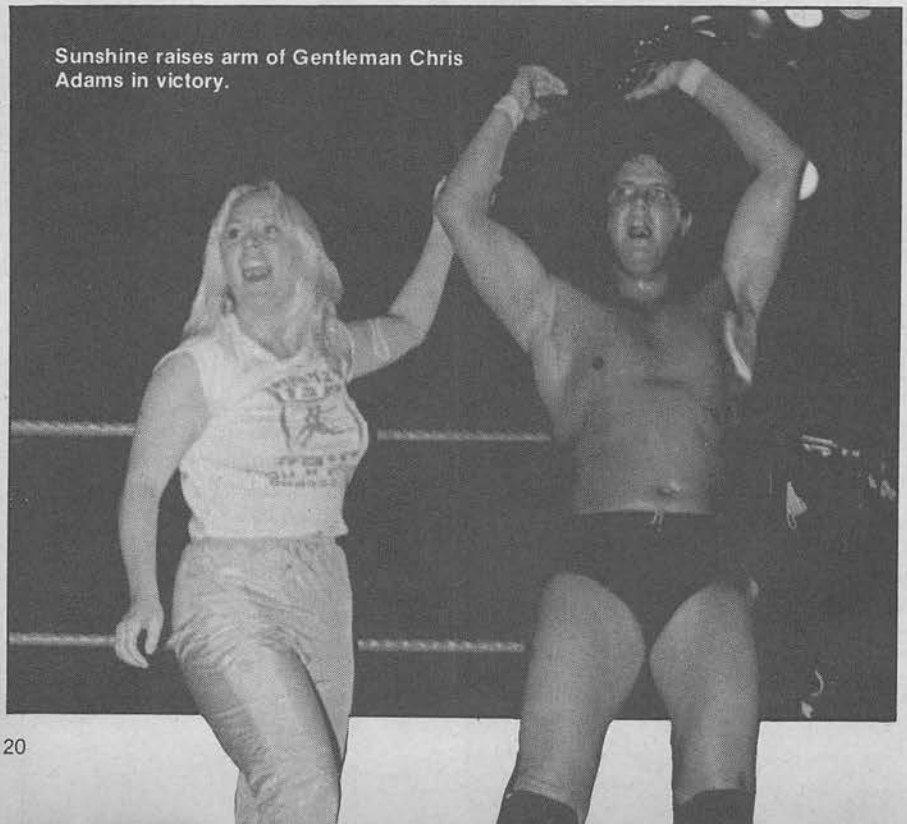
blinded by Hernandez throwing some medicated substance. A week later Hernandez died from a heart attack.

For Adams, his eyesight in jeopardy, went back to England, seeking expert medical help. Slowly his left eye returned to normalcy. His right eye took longer. Chris returned



Gentleman Chris Adams during a quiet moment.



Sunshine raises arm of Gentleman Chris Adams in victory.

to action wearing an eyepatch. The fans welcomed him back with open arms. All was forgiven. His friendship with The Von Erich's resumed. Then came July 4, 1986 as Adams dethroned Ravishing Rick Rude.

Chris Adams had stunned the world. 1986 will be a year never to be forgotten by Adams. "First I split with Gino Hernandez. Then I was blinded. My career in tatters. My eyesight restored. Becoming world champion. Then the ex-champion. Next my decision to move on. I don't know what's in store for me in the UWF. Well, whatever it shall be can't surpass this year. I shall forge on giving my all. Hopefully my fans will stay with me."

Gentleman Chris Adams made his decision. That is right. Perhaps he could have regained his belt, perhaps not. It took guts to walk away. Wishing you the very best, mate. •

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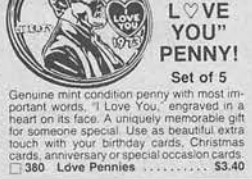

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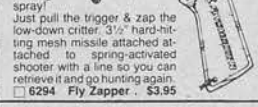

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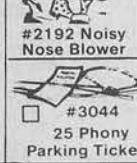

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STEVE STRONG:

BIG, BAD, BRUTAL!!!

Wrestling's newest sadist delights in torturing his opponents. His hit list already includes Rick Martel. Next? Abdullah The Butcher, The Road Warriors and more!

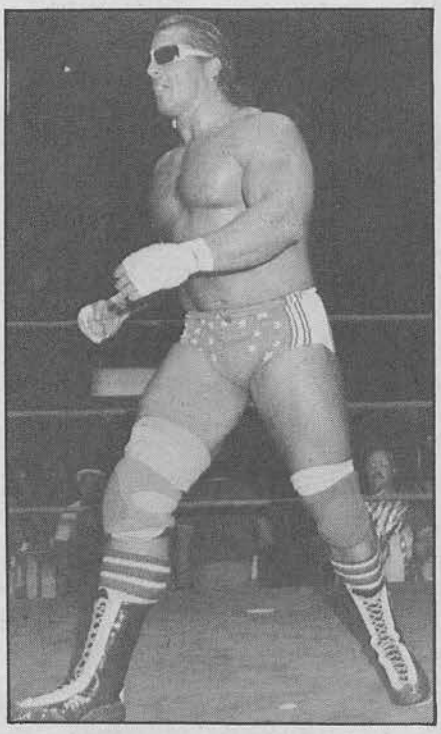
By James Zafiris

In only a short period of time, Sadistic Steve Strong has engraved his mark on the world of professional wrestling. However, it is not his abilities or awesome power that make him so dominant, but the sheer delight he takes in watching his helpless opponents scream in pain. Many have become very hesistant to enter the ring with the Rock of Gibralter from Los Angeles, California.

Strong was a superb greco roman wrestler and body builder throughout his college and high school days. Oddly enough, the big money and glory was not the reason for Strong breaking into the business, but just for the fun he would have hearing his adversaries' bones crack. It almost creates a distorted symphony to Strong's ears.

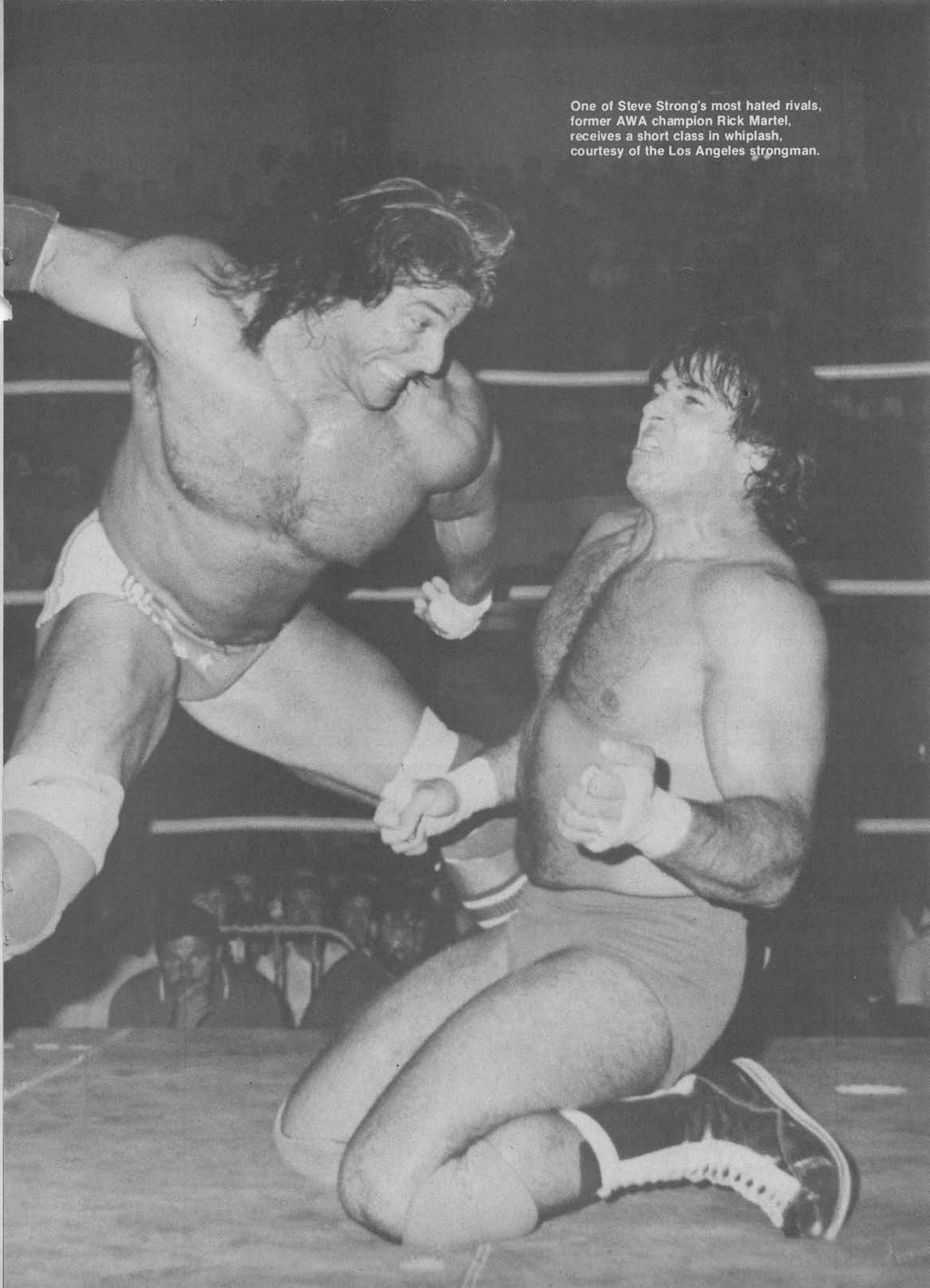
"What do I need money for?" Strong asks. "I have more money than the U.S. government, enough, as a matter of fact, to cover Reagan's deficits for the next century, and as for glory, who cares, there is no one more glorious than myself. No, I am in this for the crippling effect. Just hearing my opponent's neck snapping like a chicken sends goosebumps all over me."

This is the very attitude that had Strong taken off his college wrestling team. Coaches and governing bodies felt he was just too violent to compete on an amateur level. Authorities then decided to place a permanent ban on him which ended any possible olympic career.



Sadistic Steve Strong anxiously awaits the arrival of his next victim, many are hoping there is one who can stop his rampage.

Strong wasn't the least bit upset by the disciplinary measures taken. He then began dividing his time between bodybuilding, and, as well, continuing to sharpen his basic knowledge of wrestling. After months of debating which career he should pursue, a call from promoter Al Tomko in Vancouver, Canada, came in. The tough veteran promoter



One of Steve Strong's most hated rivals, former AWA champion Rick Martel, receives a short class in whiplash, courtesy of the Los Angeles strongman.

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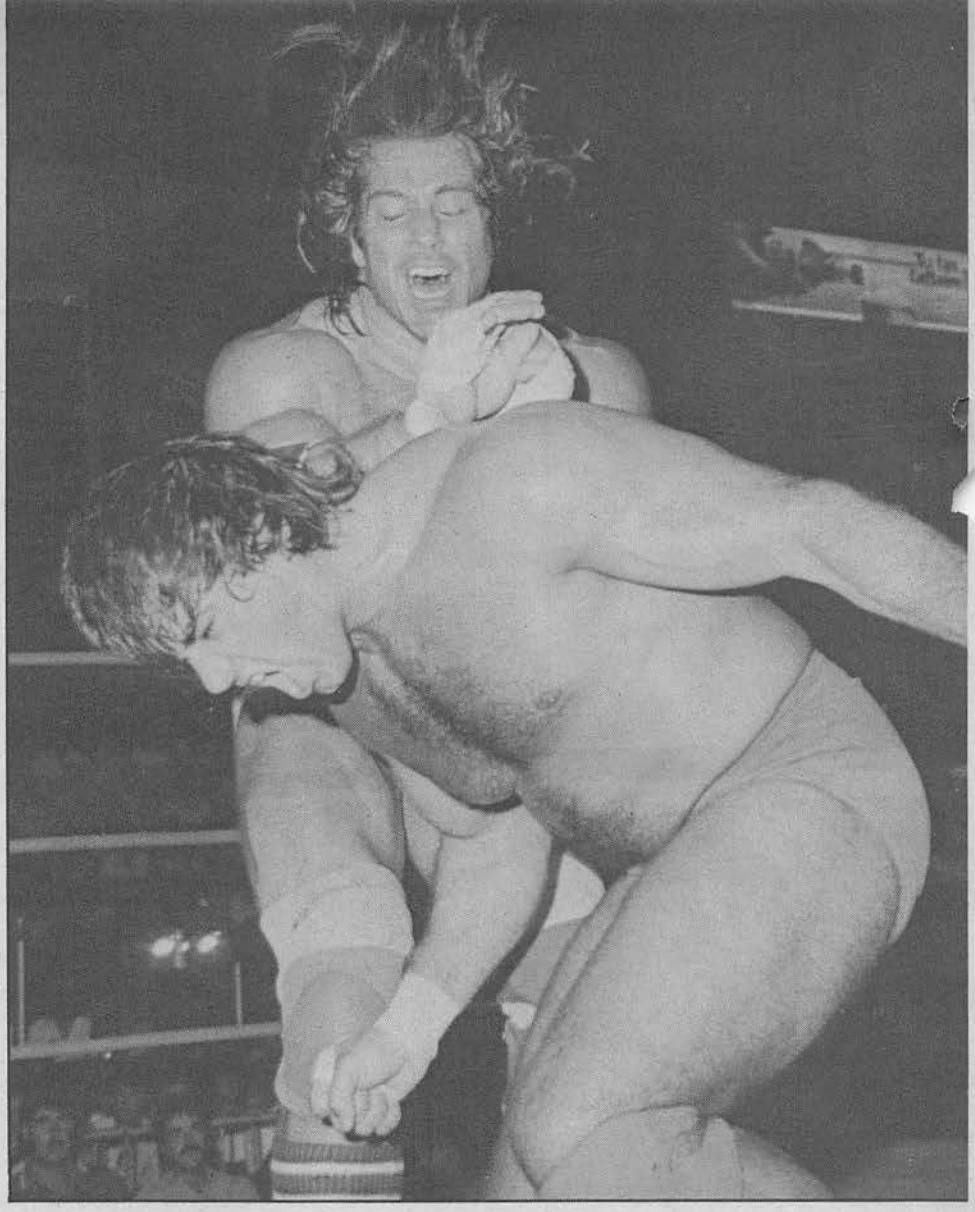
wanted to bring him west to feud with another top-rated strong man, "Canadian Tom Magee."

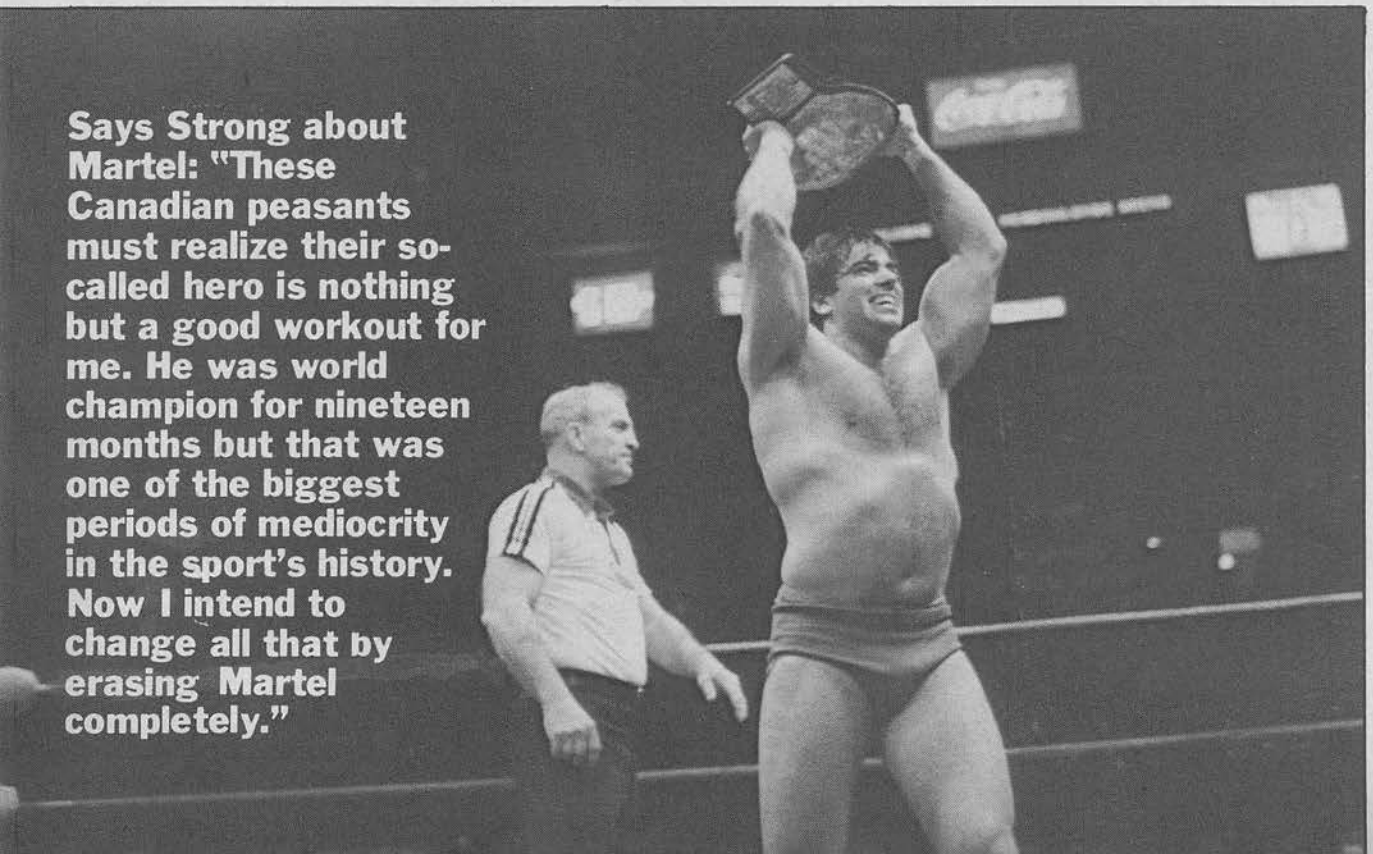
Canadian Battles

For the next several months Strong and Magee engaged in some bitter battles throughout the beautiful province. Strong seemed destined from the start to emerge victorious, and that he was after a brutal cage match. Tomko then began looking for new competition to meet his phenom, but Strong continued to run roughshod over anyone brought in.

By early April of '86 Strong became bored with the competition presented to him and left in search of greener pastures. His next target was the Canadian international wrestling area and former A.W.A. world champion Rick Martel. Strong knew that a couple of victories over the popular star would give him an instant international reputation.

Martel was quickly disgusted by Strong's attitude and extremely outspoken about it. "Yes, Steve Strong is a very big man, but if he thinks that I am going to lay back and be a stepping stone for him, he has another thing coming. I was world champion for nineteen months, and I faced many bullies just like Strong, so any time the big man wants me he can come and get me."





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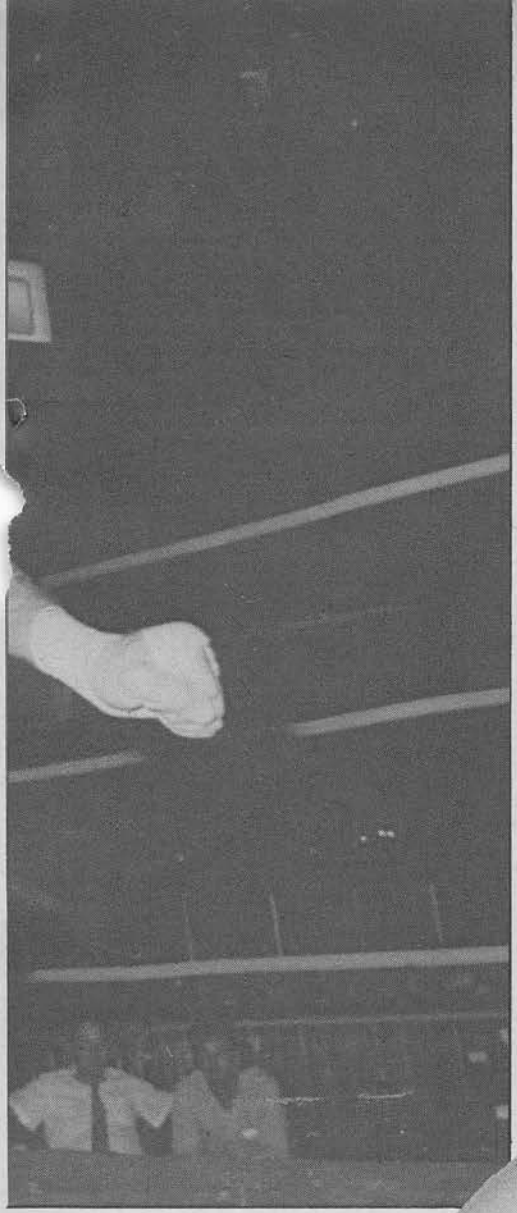

Perhaps the most physical and strenuous matches of Martel's career have been with Strong.

Strong was overjoyed about Martel's sentiments, and began appearing at ringside during many of the former champions matches. His motive: a ploy to lure Martel into signing an open contract to wrestle right across Canada. The one incident that lead Martel into finally agreeing to wrestle took place on television. Strong was victorious in a match over rookie Mike Anderson and, instead of leaving, he continued to pummel the helpless youngster. Martel then charged into the ring and started a violent scuffle with Strong which stretched out into the spectators. Finally both men were separated by referees and security guards, but not without Strong hurling some disparaging remarks about Martel's honor.

Martel was so incensed at Strong's cat-and-mouse games, he went to International wrestling promoter Gino Brito and requested to meet Strong in any kind of sanctioned match. Strong was euphoric when learning the news.

"The ultimate coward has finally signed to meet the ultimate man," Strong stated. "These Canadian peasants must realize their so-called hero is nothing but a good workout for me. He was world champion for nineteen months but that was one of the biggest periods of mediocrity in the sport's history. Now I intend to change all that by erasing Martel completely."

War With Martell

Strong and Martel's war has reached such epic proportions that it has even steamed over into other feuds in the area of International wrestling. Most notably, the one involving Tom Zenk and "Dangerous" Dan Kroffat against the Long Riders, Wild Bill Irwin and brother Scott "Hogg." During a match for the vacant Canadian tag team championship, Martel and Strong's hatred played a significant part in the outcome.

Zenk and Kroffat were dominating the Long Rider combination of Wild Bill Irwin and Cowboy Bull John son who was replacing the sup posedly injured Scott Irwin. Tom Zenk had trapped Wild Bill in an oriental sleeper, while Kroffat was dominating Bull Johnson. Suddenly, a mysterious masked man invaded the ring, attacking Zenk. Quickly, Bill Irwin and Johnson double-teamed Kroffat leaving Zenk defenseless as the hooded merecenary proceeded to

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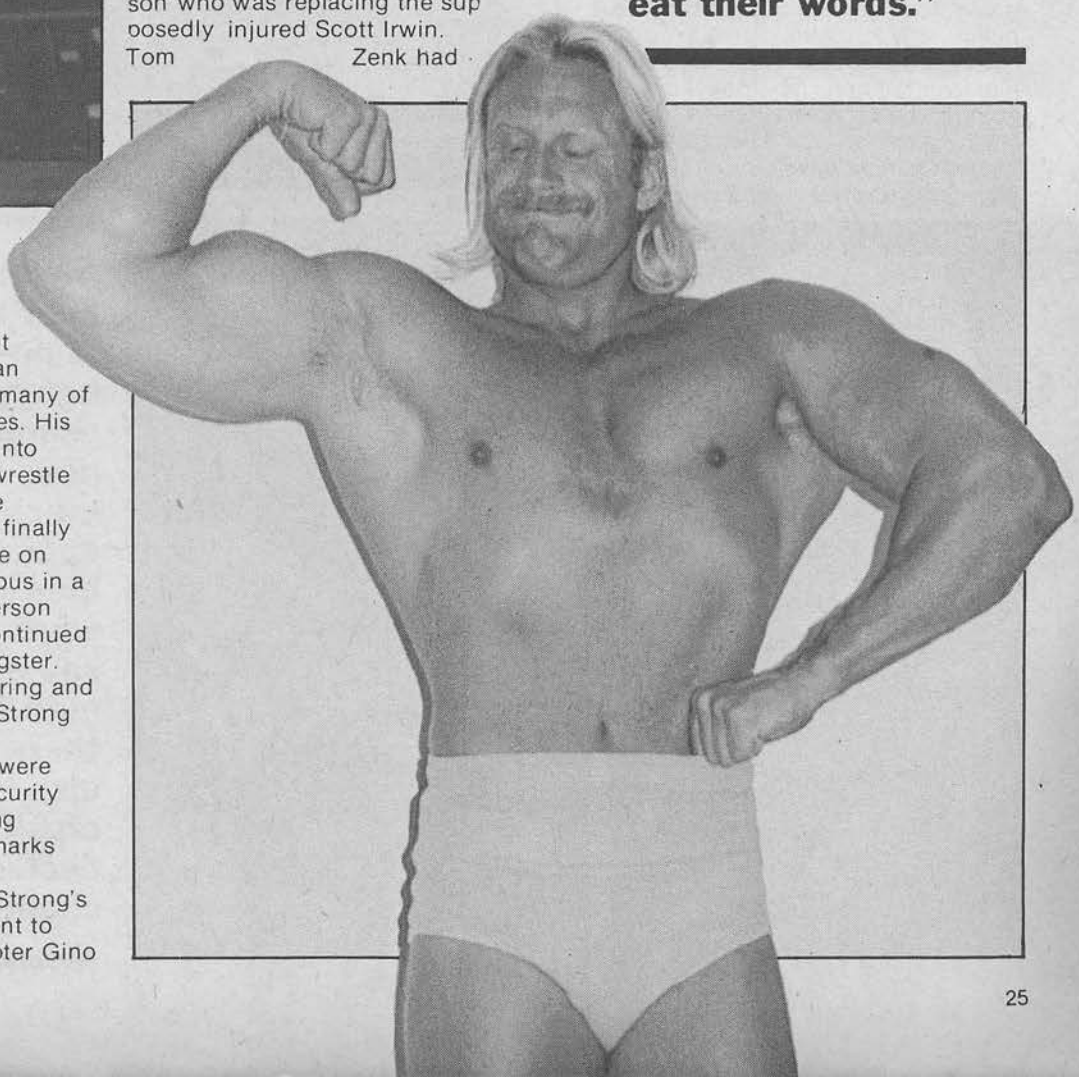

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smash a metal chair into his forehead.

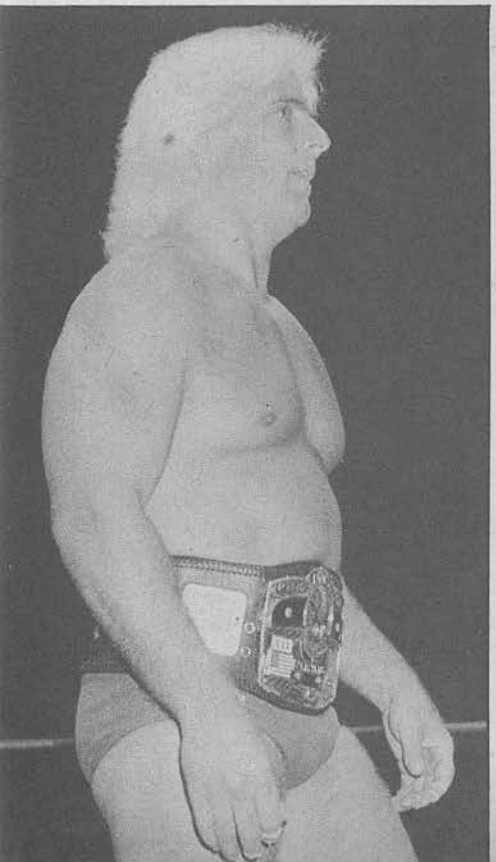
Rick Martel was watching the massacre from the dressing room, and could not tolerate it. He stormed into the ring, and cleared Johnson and Irwin out of the area. Turning his attention towards the masked man, Martel exposed him to be none other than Scott "Hogg" Irwin. At this point, Strong charged in and grabbed the traditional Long Rider bull whip, which he used to hang Martel over the top rope.

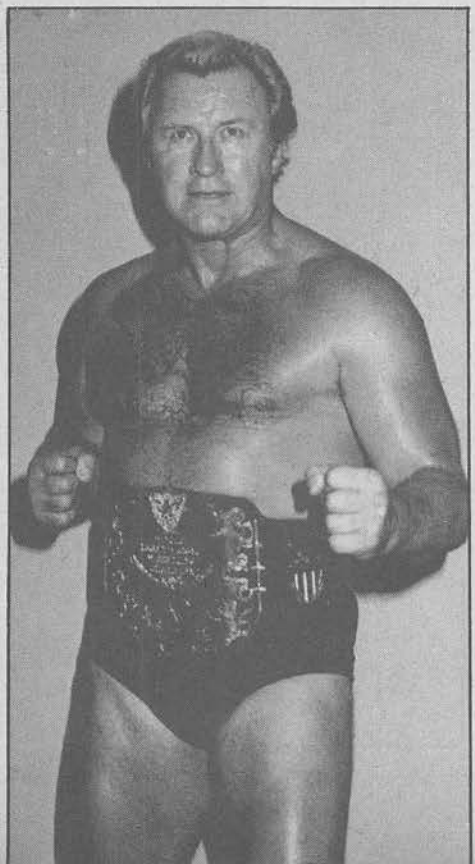
Martel Conversion?

Since this charade Martel has taken an uncharacteristicly aggressive approach in his style. Always regarded as one of the true gentlemen of the sport Martel now stoops to the level of Strong by running opponents heads into ring posts and other illegal tactics. Strong is quick to credit himself with this change.

"I always knew Martel was sick. He needs help and I am the man who is going to oblige him by breaking his pitiful body into little pieces. You see, Martel is possessed. I have driven him over the edge, and now I am going to be his messiah."

Why a person would enjoy seeing another person driven to the brink of insanity is beyond comprehension.





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Ony an inhuman gladiator like Strong can feel just reason for such actions, because he feels little compassion or dedication to anyone who wishes to make his life within the confines of the squared circle. His lack of dedication became evident in dealings with wrestling's treacherous managerial tandem of the Creatchmans Eddy "The Brain" and his scion "Prettyboy Floyd."

When Strong first came into the area many felt that a potential association with the Creatchmans was in the making. Surprisingly, Strong's immediate reaction was one of disdain. "What do I need two for? Why would I need a manager?" Strong asked sarcastically. "Do the beer drinking pions think that I can't manage myself? As I said so many times before, the only manager Steve Strong needs is Steve Strong."

Gradually, in time, Strong came to be managed by "Prettyboy Floyd Creatchman," mainly due to the fact both Creatchmans became embroiled in a feud with former protege, Abdullah The Butcher. they now desperately needed a man who was just as big and sadistic as the Sudan giant. Strong fit their desires perfectly. Strong viewed this association not as one of benefit to the Creatchmans, but as an opportunity to eliminate perhaps the most violent man in the history of the sport. Prior to the two behemoths first meeting, Strongs attitude was one of complete confidence. This is truly one of the remarkable attributes Strong carries into any match, he ducks no man regardless of reputation. Many respected on-lookers feel that Strong may be overstepping his bounds in challenging more experienced opponents this early in his career.

Strong scoffs at his critics theories "What do they know, they're just a bunch of geeks in three piece suits who sit back and give their meaningless evaluation of the greatest athelete in the world. Everything I set out to accomplish when I first came to this area has inevitably been done. Martel was first on my hit list, and now he's virtually finished. Abby the Butcher, that greasy coconut head is number two. He'll suffer just like Martel. As for anyone else, just bring them on and let the so called experts eat their words."

So far to date, Strong has shown that his actions speak louder than his words. One recent action may cost him his livelihood if he is not careful, Strong, along with Canadian Champion the Great Samu, pile drived "Precious Paul" Ellering, manager of the Road Warriors, after a recent six man tag team matchup involving the Warriors and Tom Zenk against The Long Riders and Strong.

Strong has become embroiled in a feud with perhaps the wildest man in the history of the game, Abdullah The Butcher. Here the Sudan giant tries to wear down Strong with an awesome display of headbutts.

As expected, Strong was not even perturbed over the incident.

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Strong's pre-meditated attack on the manager of wrestling's most dominant tag team could almost be considered suicidal, but for Strong it only presents another thrill to his sadistic perversities. How Strong will face the Warriors is something else promoters are pondering. Will he take on a partner such as Samu, or will his normally inflated ego take over and lead him into actually believing that he could handle The Legion of Doom alone?

All Steve Strong is hoping is that the contracts for pro wrestling's version of World War III are drawn up soon. Strong realizes that his objective to gain immediate recognition has succeeded, one more victory over a team like the Warriors will surely grant him a chance to fight for any major world heavyweight championship honor. Strangely enough, Strong does not seem interested in facing off against any of the major kingpins right away.

Flair & Bockwinkel?

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Whether Strong can carry out these arrogant boasts remains to be seen. Since entering the professional ranks Strong has not met anyone with the mechanical knowledge of Flair or Bockwinkel, with the exception of Rick Martel. So it will be most interesting to see how Strong will fare in a hold-for-hold situation when confronted by these great modern day legends.

In all likelihood, if Strong is destined to win a major world championship BELT it would be the A.W.A. Firstly, because Nick Bockwinkel is in the twilight of a glorious career and with the type of punishment Strong inflicts, one has to wonder how much Bockwinkel could absorb before collapsing. Secondly, Strong's arch nemesis Rick Martel, being a former A.W.A. champion, is enough motivation for Strong to want to capture the BELT and upstage the French Canadians.•

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"Macho Man" Randy Savage

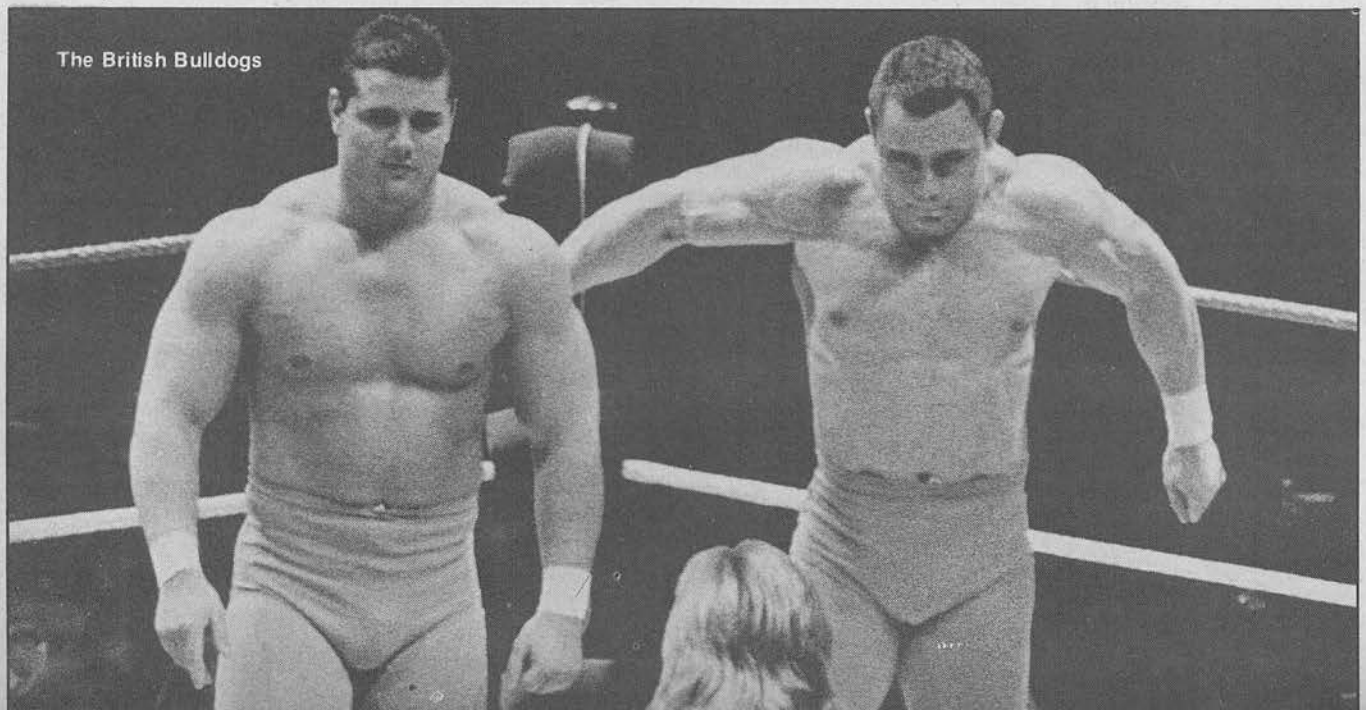
From The Press Box

Latest ringside reports and hottest rumors from the world of Championship Wrestling!

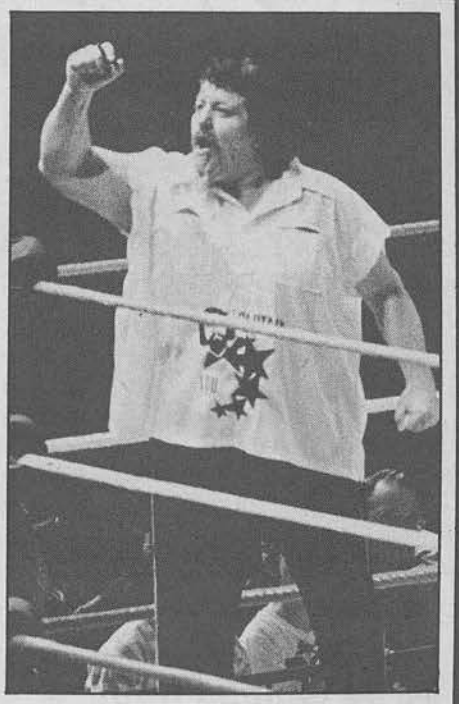
By Frank Amato

Welcome to my first column for Championship Wrestling. With each edition this column will attempt to bring to you, the fans, what is happening, in the greatest sport of all, professional wrestling. So here we go.

KEVIN VON ERICH has become World Class World Heavyweight Champion. Kevin upset BLACK BART at the Cotton Bowl. Kevin now joins brother KERRY VON ERICH being world champs. Kerry had gained his feat against RIC FLAIR in 1984 in Texas...NICK BOCKWINKEL still continues as AWA World Heavyweight Champion...TULLY BLANCHARD upset DUSTY RHODES for the NWA World TV Championship at the Omni in Georgia, during Starcade '86 on Thanksgiving. It was billed as a First Blood Match for the belt. Tully did bleed first but the referee was hurt and failed to see this. Tully's manager J.J. DILLON wiped the blood from Tully's face, then Tully used a foreign object to bloody Dusty, which the referee did see...SAM HOUSTON holds the Central States Championship...CAPTAIN LOU ALBANO has bid wrestling a fond farewell. Lou announced his retirement to pursue his acting career in movies and TV. Albano's managerial career is Hall of Fame material. He managed IVAN KOLOFF winning WWF World Heavyweight Belt; MAGNIFICENT MURACO to WWF Intercontinental Belt; 17 WWF World Tag Team Champions. Good

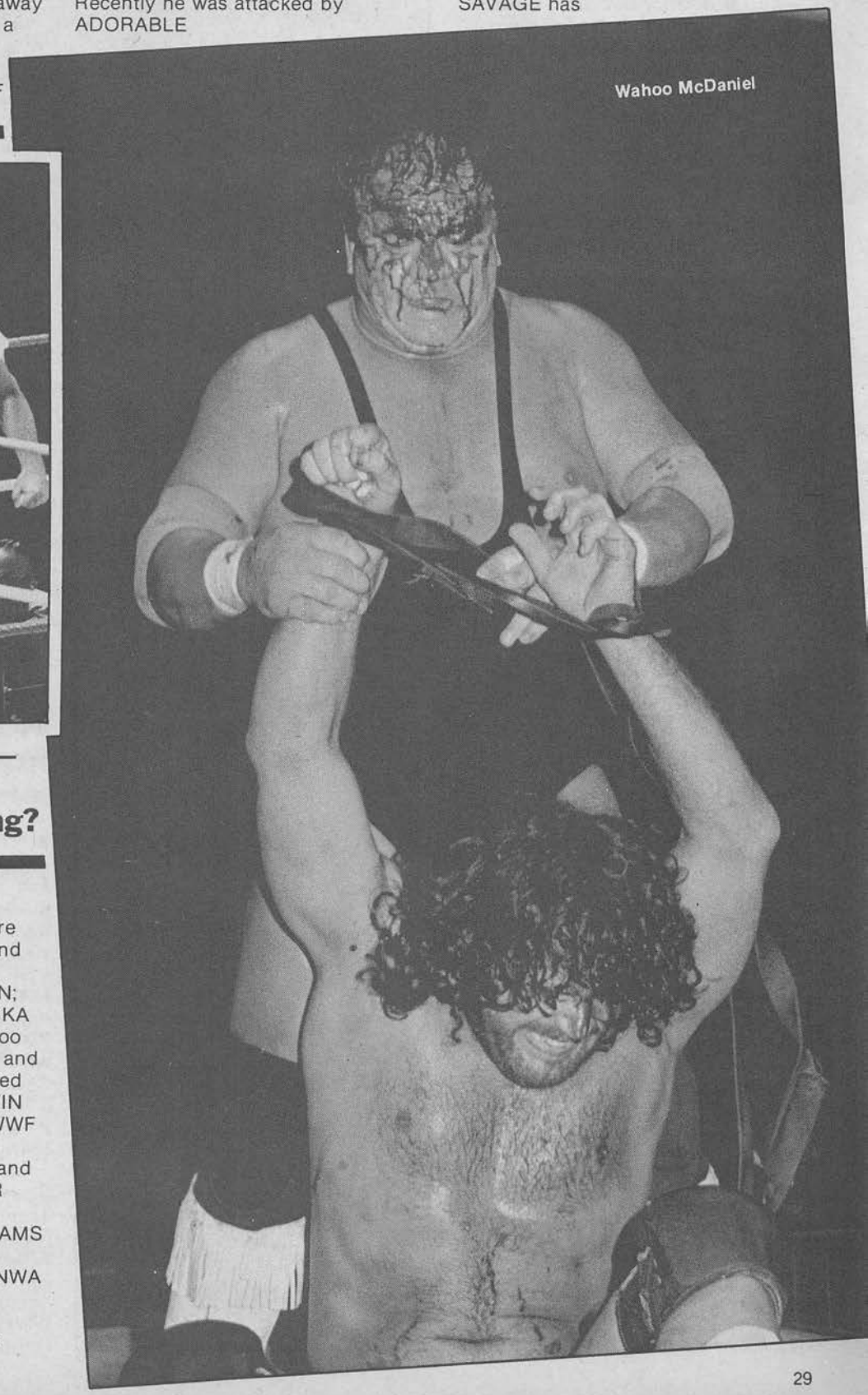

The British Bulldogs

Luck Captin...SUPERFLY JIMMY SNUKA is recuperating from injuries suffered at the hands of COL. DeBEERS. Snuka had been wrestling LARRY ZBYSZKO and climbed the turnbuckle for his famous leap, only DeBeers knocked him off and Snuka's head hit the concrete floor. DeBeers then delivered two Piledrivers driving Snuka face down to that floor. Snuka was carried away by stretcher. His injuries include a concussion, neck and back dislocation. Snuka has vowed revenge upon his return...CHIEF



Captain Lou Albano—goodbye to professional wrestling?

WAHOO McDANIEL and JIMMY "BOOGIE WOOGIE" VALIANT are both at war with PAUL JONES and his Army of RAVISHING RICK RUDE; KONGA THE BARBARIAN; MANNY FERNANDEZ and SHASKA WHATLEY. At Starcade '86, Wahoo beat Rude in Indian Strap Match and Valiant made Jones a Bald Headed Geek, gaining his revenge...KEVIN SULLIVAN now in ICW rings...WWF World Champion HULK HOGAN feuding with PAUL ORNDORFF and JAKE ROBERTS...THE BASHER causing waves in AWA rings...GENTLEMAN CHRIS ADAMS in UWF...IVAN KOLOFF and KHRUSHER KHRUSCHEV hold NWA U.S. Tag Team Championship...JOHNNY RICH nursing a broken leg but vows to continue his feud with GENTLEMAN KEN TIMS in AWA soon...SAVANNAH JACK upset FREEBIRD BUDDY ROBERTS for UWF TV Belt. Meanwhile female manager SUNSHINE manages FABULOUS FREEBIRDS of MICHAEL HAYES; TERRY GORDY and Roberts...RODDY PIPER having troubles as mat hero in WWF. Recently he was attacked by ADORABLE ADRIAN ADONIS on Piper's Pit...NIKITA KOLOFF now hears cheers in NWA. Nikita made friends with DUSTY RHODES which infuriated Nikita's uncle IVAN KOLOFF. Then Nikita attacked Ivan and Khruschev who were attacking Rhodes...THE BRITISH BULLDOGS hold WWF World Tag Team Belts but their hold is slipping...RANDY SAVAGE has



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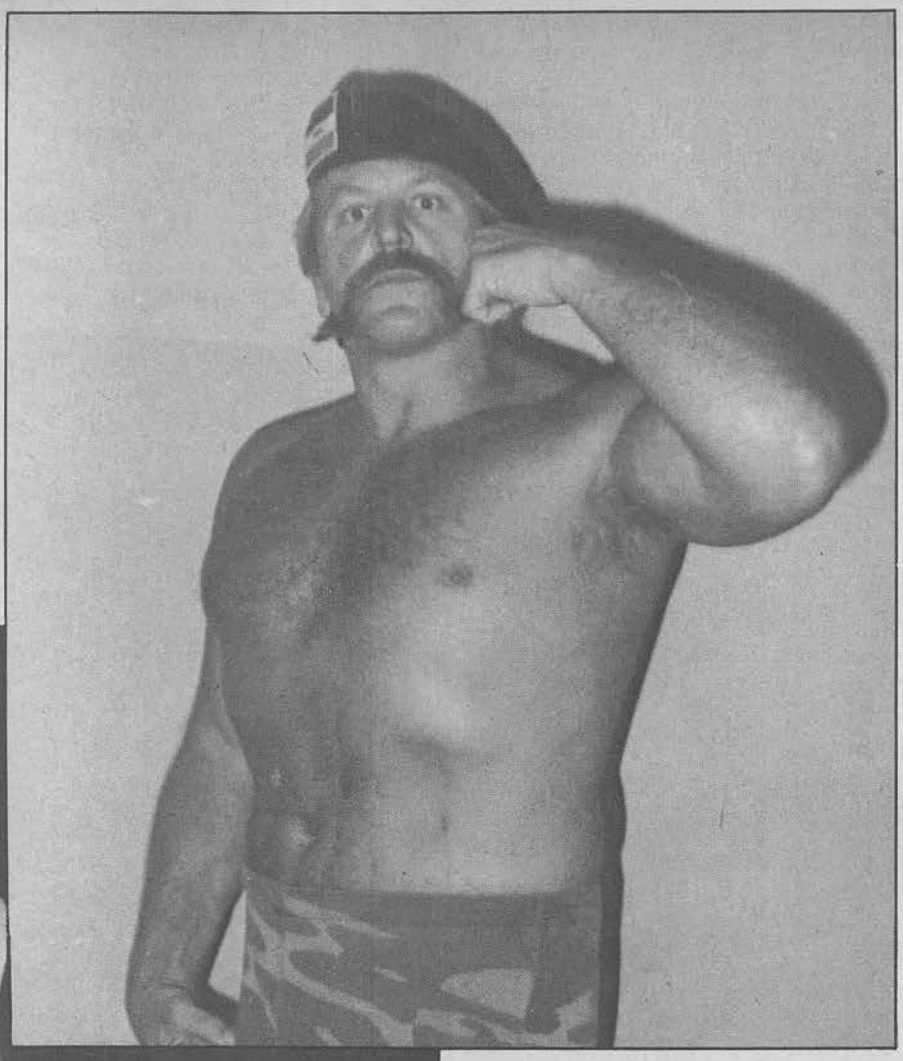
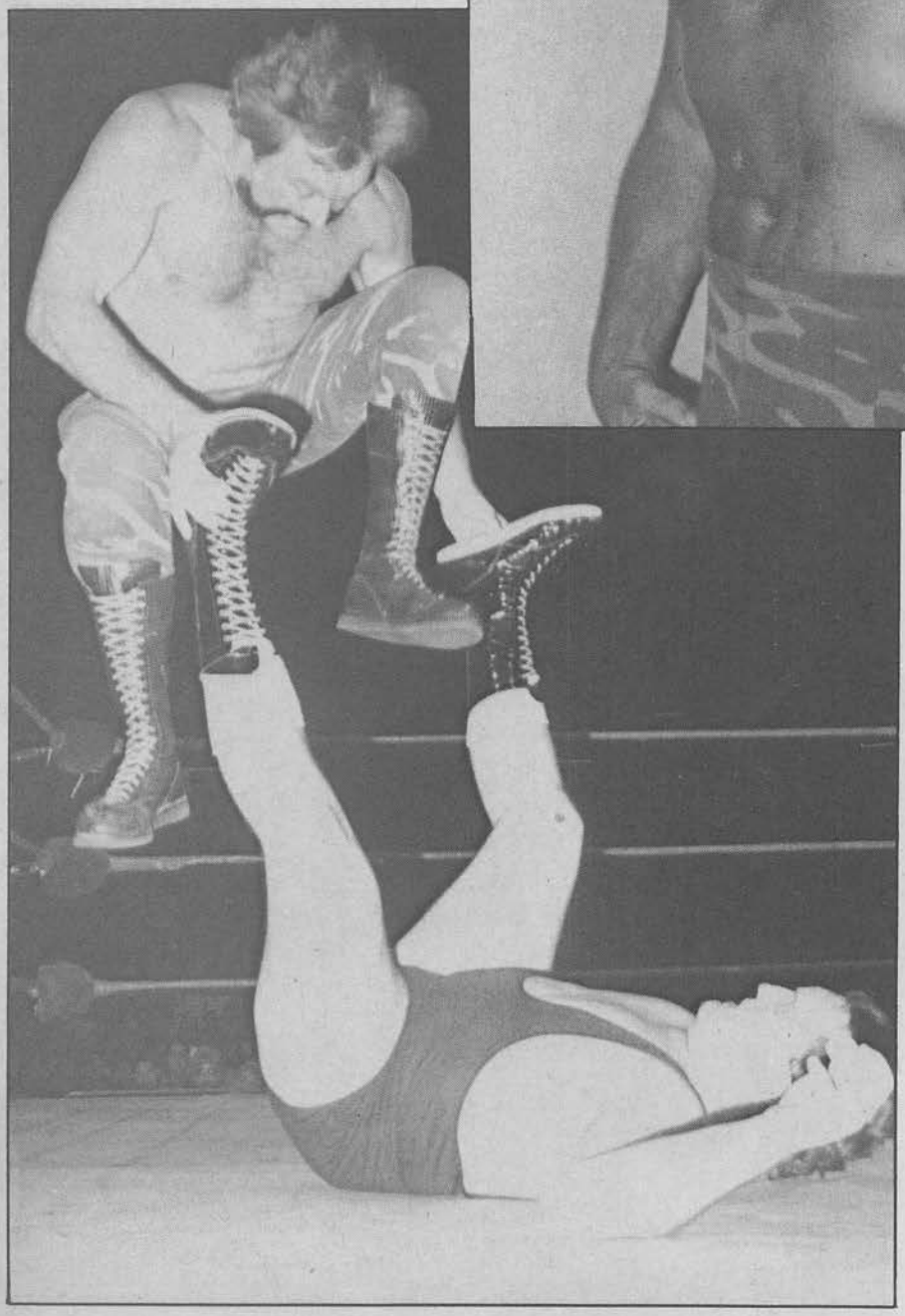
WWF Intercontinental Belt but escaped tough situation by hitting referee DANNY DAVIS getting disqualified. Opponent BILLY JACK HAYNES was furious having the belt robbed from him by Savage's action. Referee Davis meanwhile has become quite controversial with his biased officiating. The WWF is keeping a close watch on future matches...RIKI CHOSHU has PWF Belt in Japan...RONNIE GARVIN has NWA Mid-Atlantic Belt...ONE MAN GANG reigns as UWF Heavyweight Champion...ABDULLAH THE





Col. DeBeers—should he be banned from wrestling?

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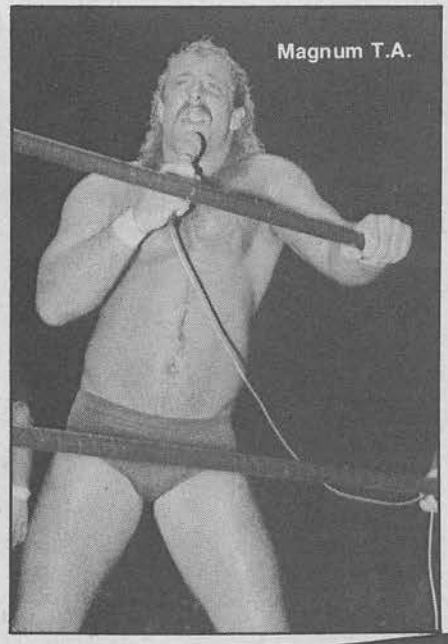
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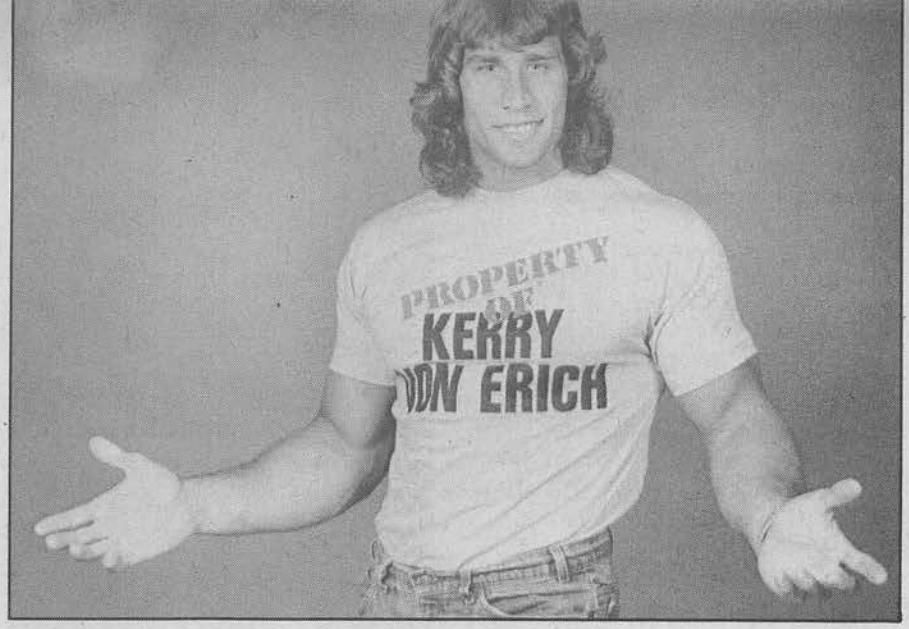

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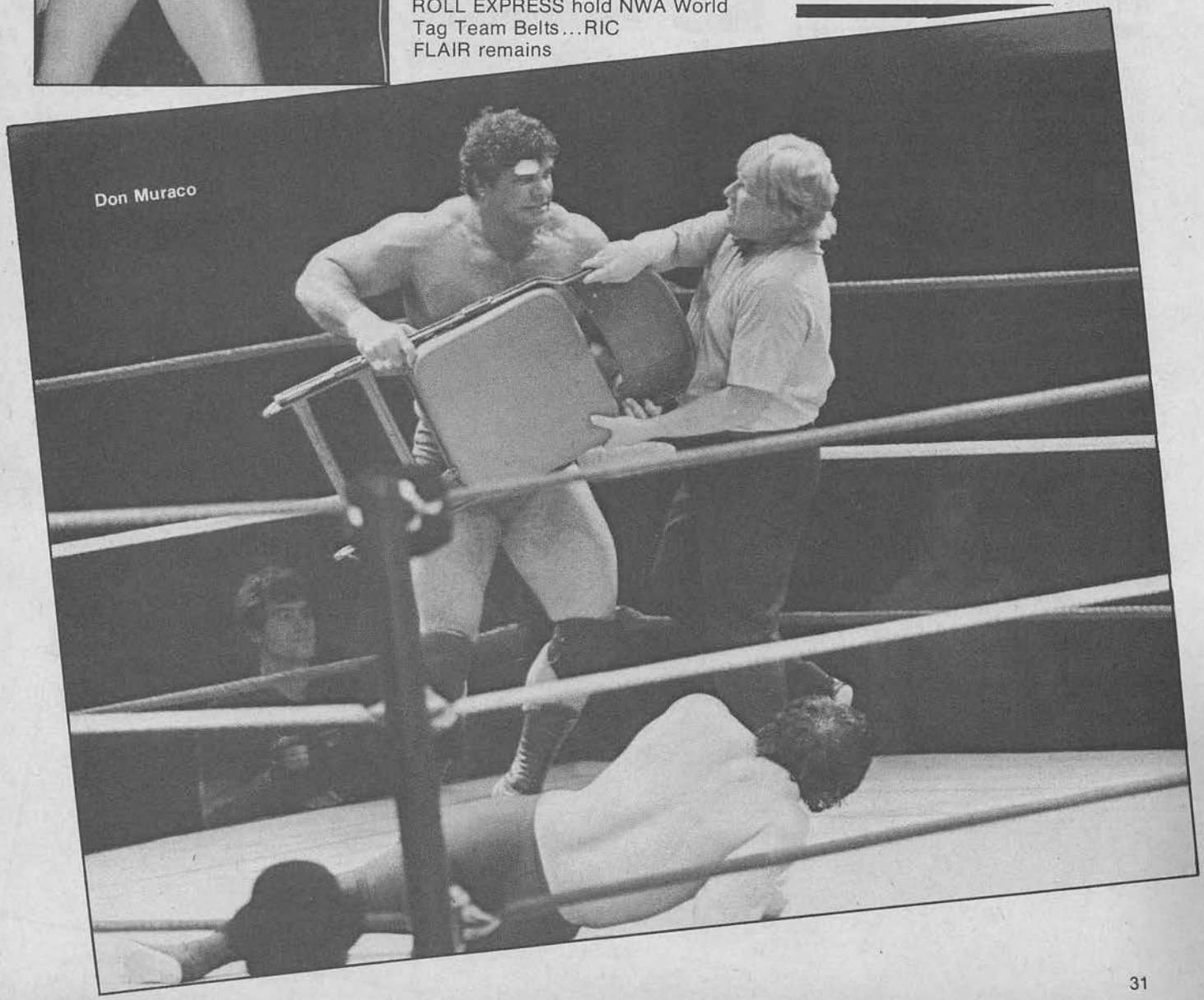
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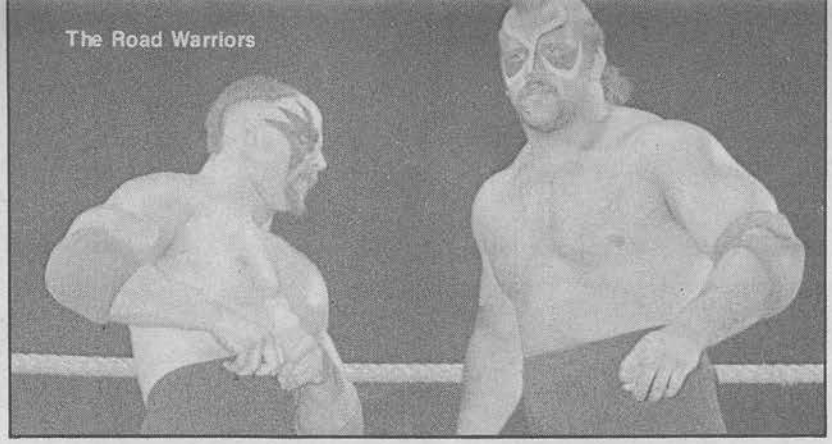
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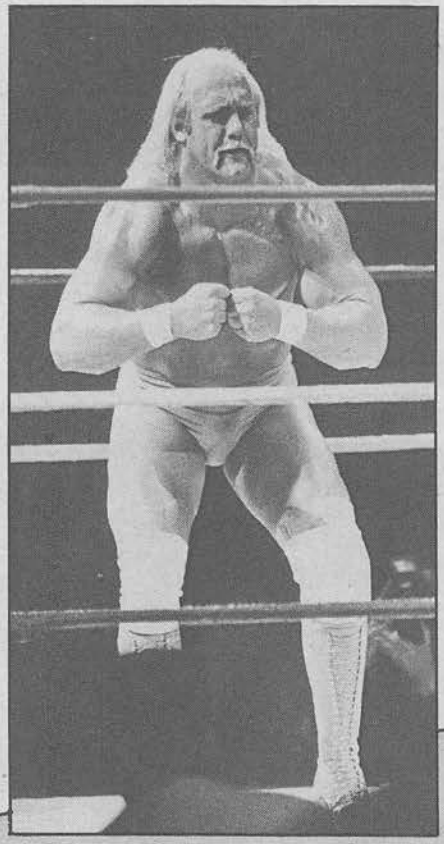

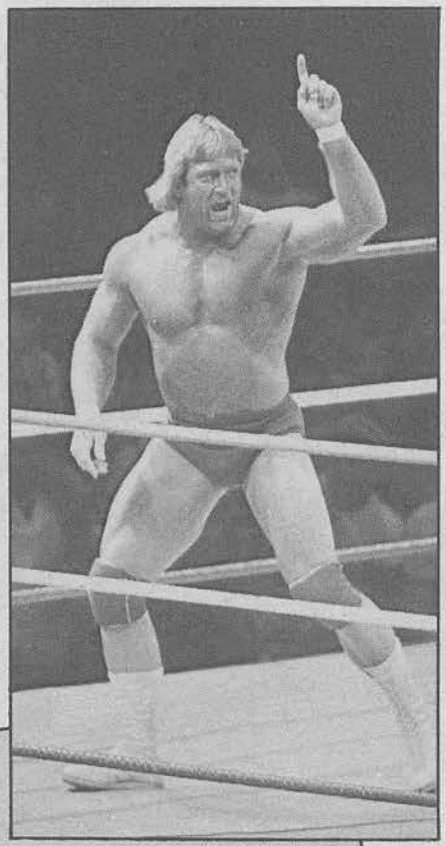

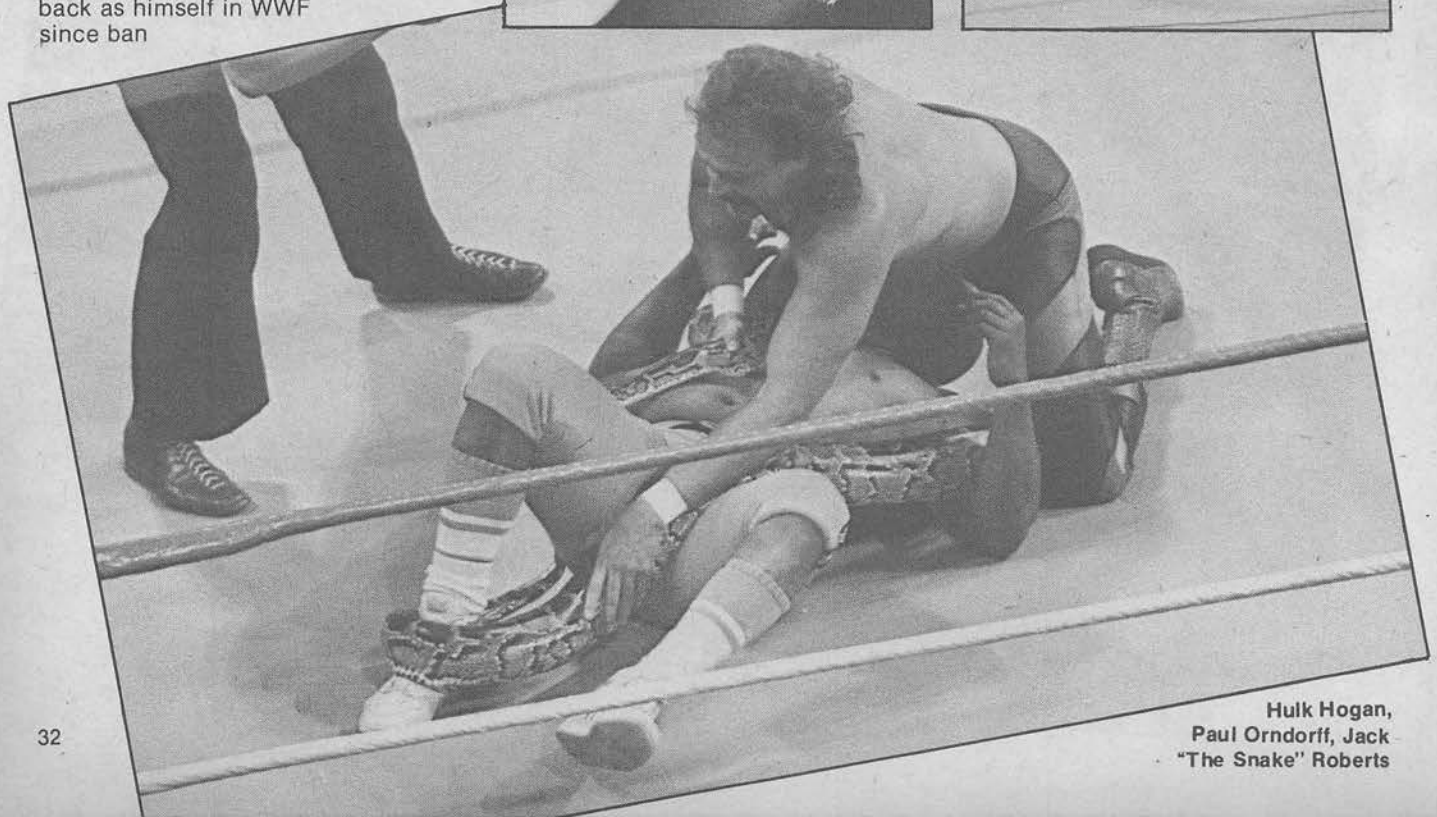

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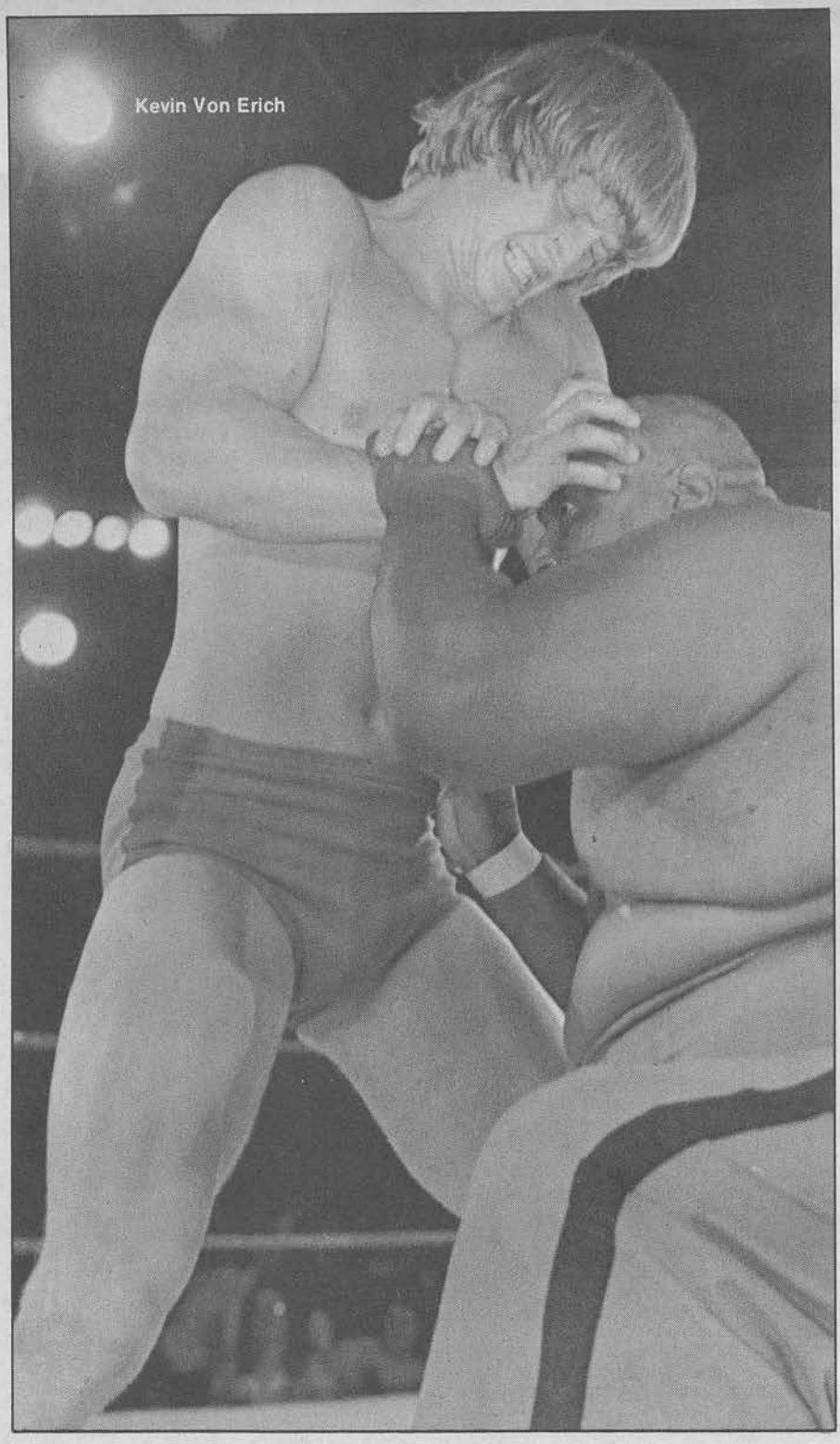
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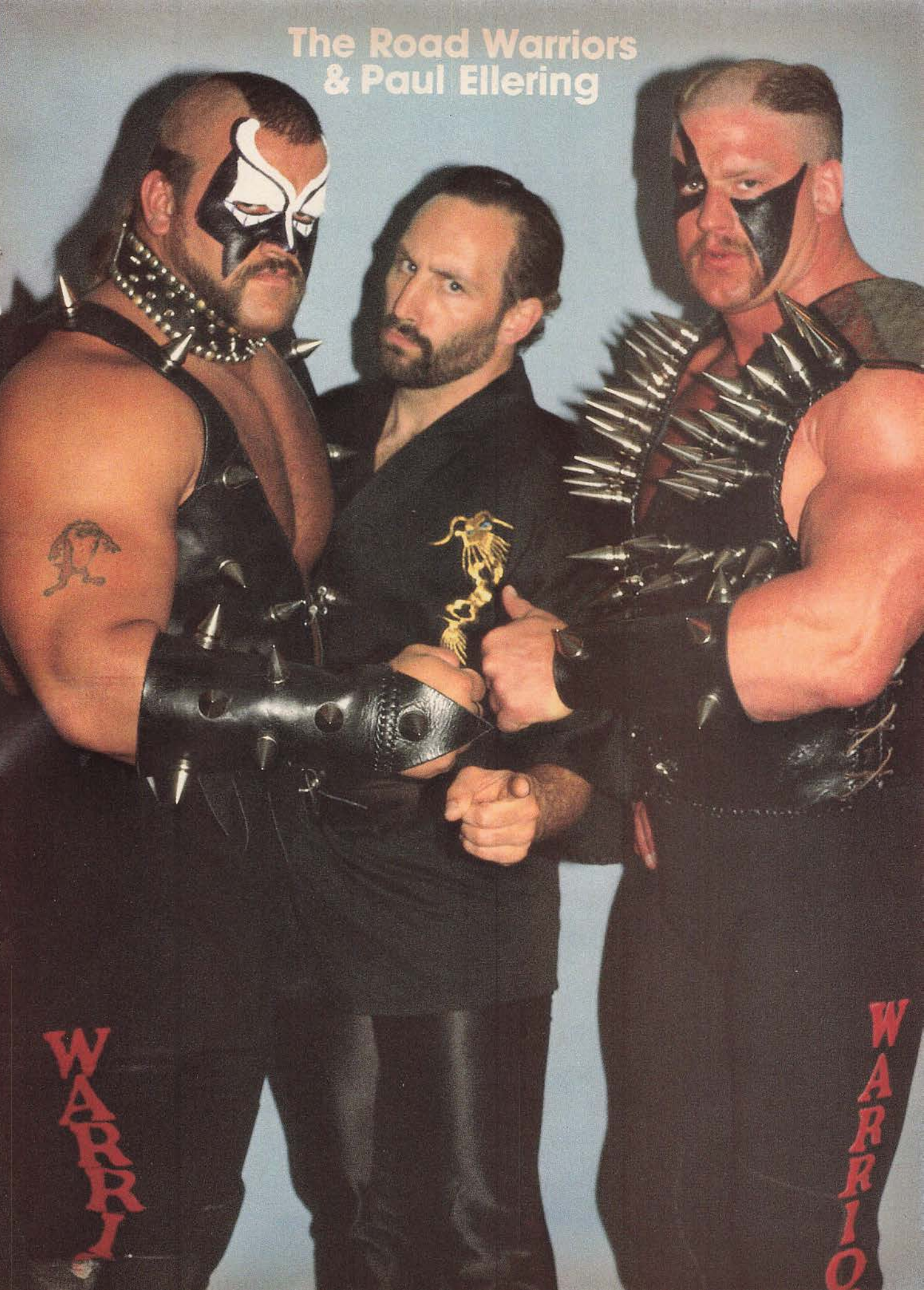
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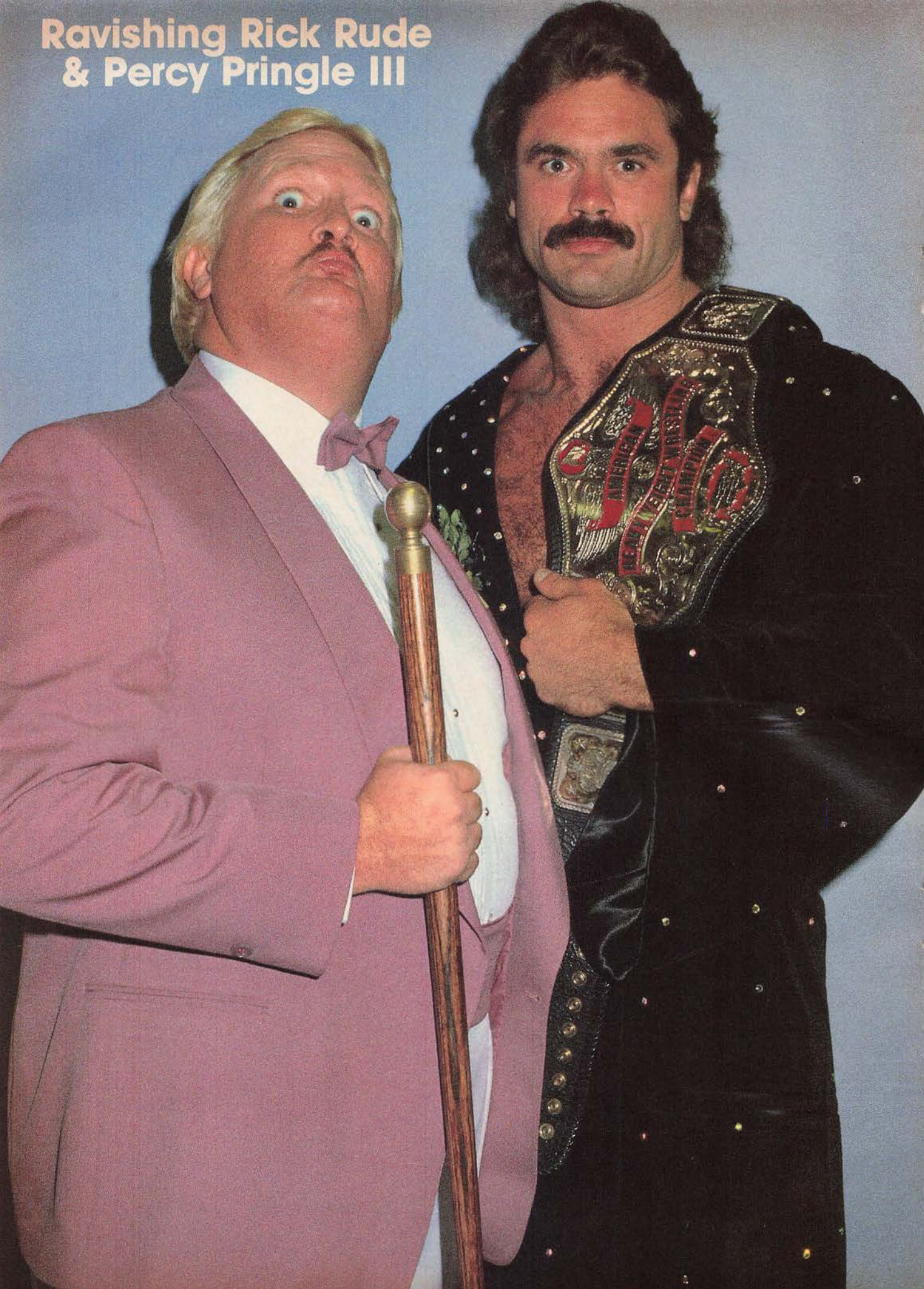
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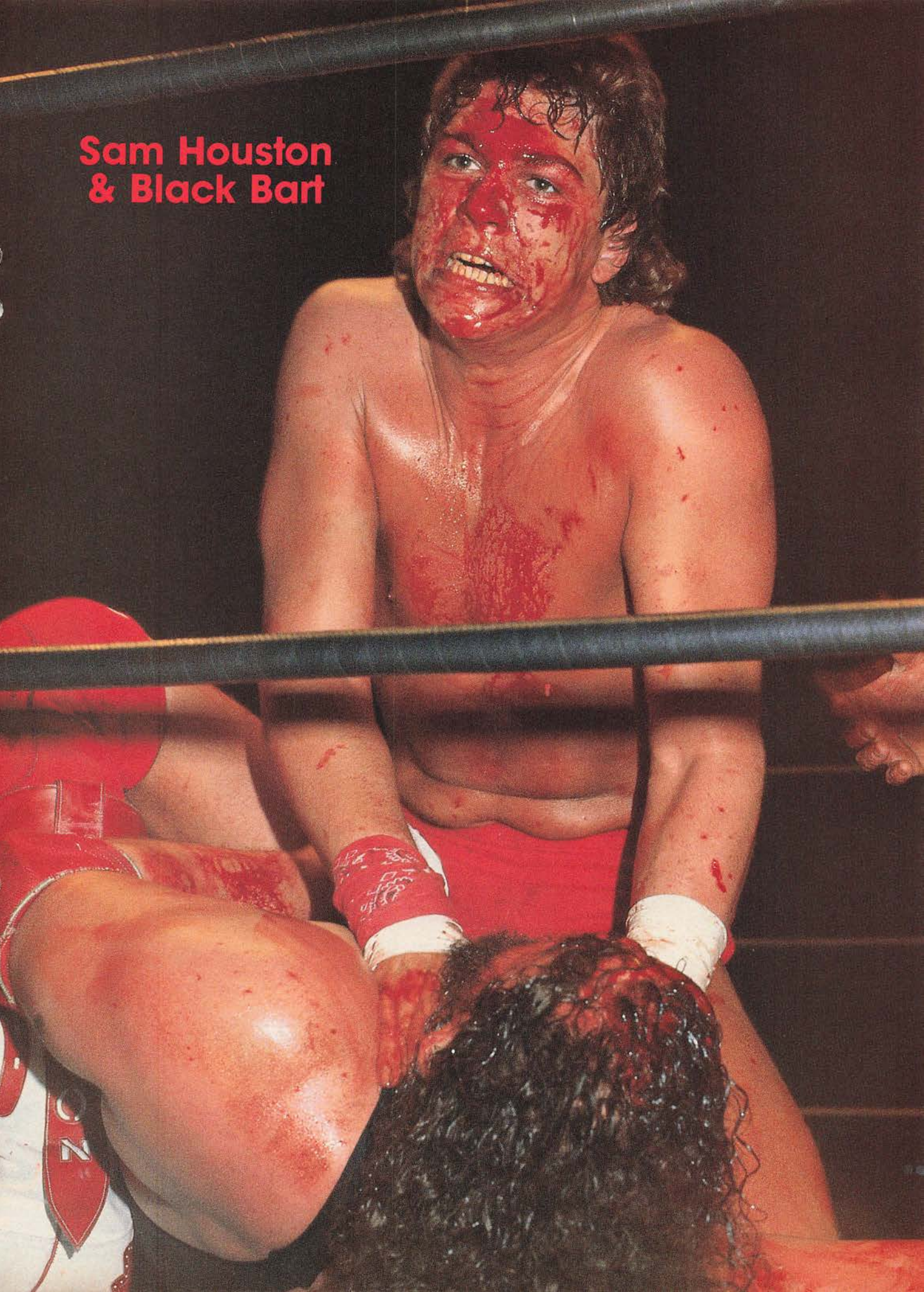
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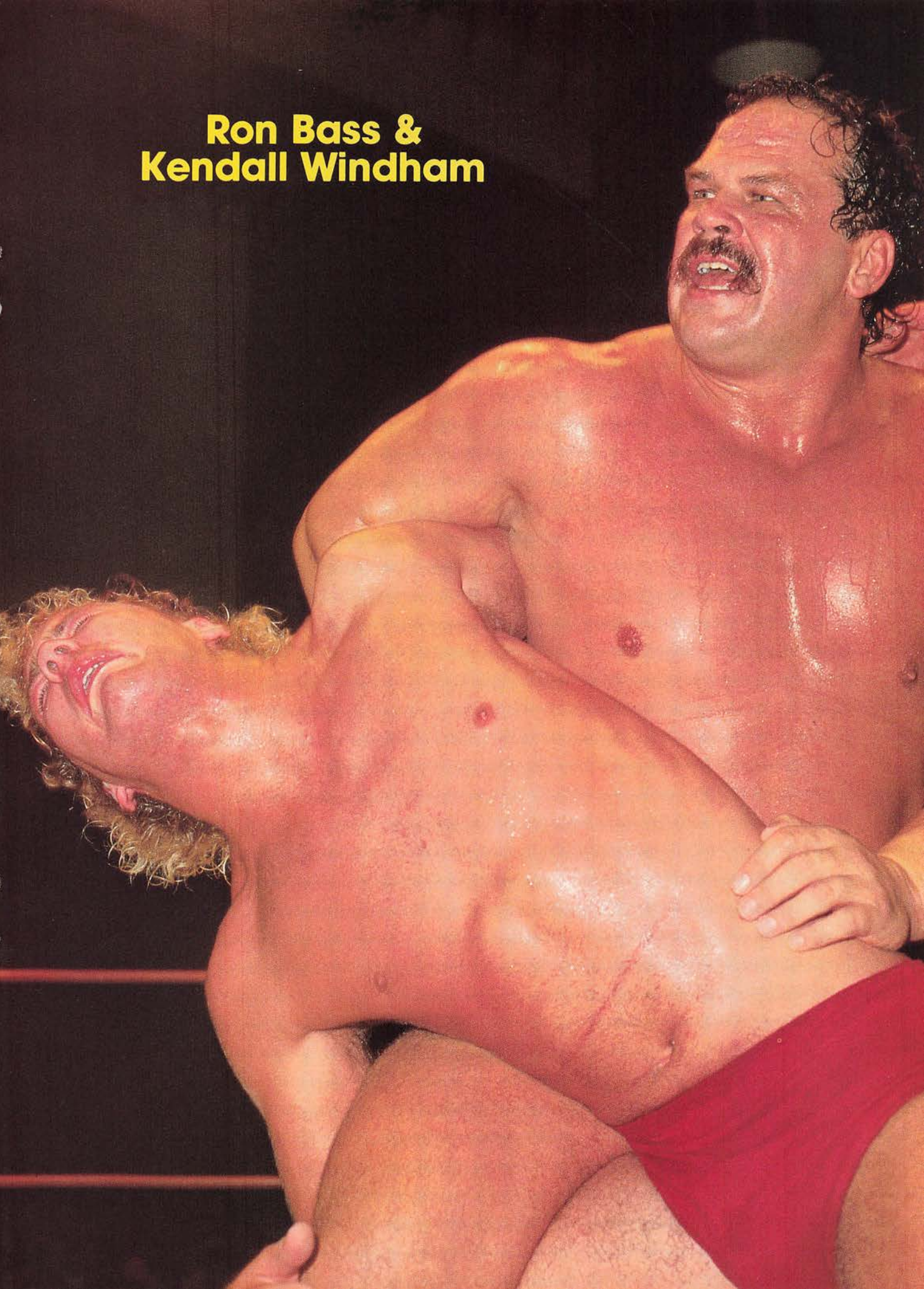
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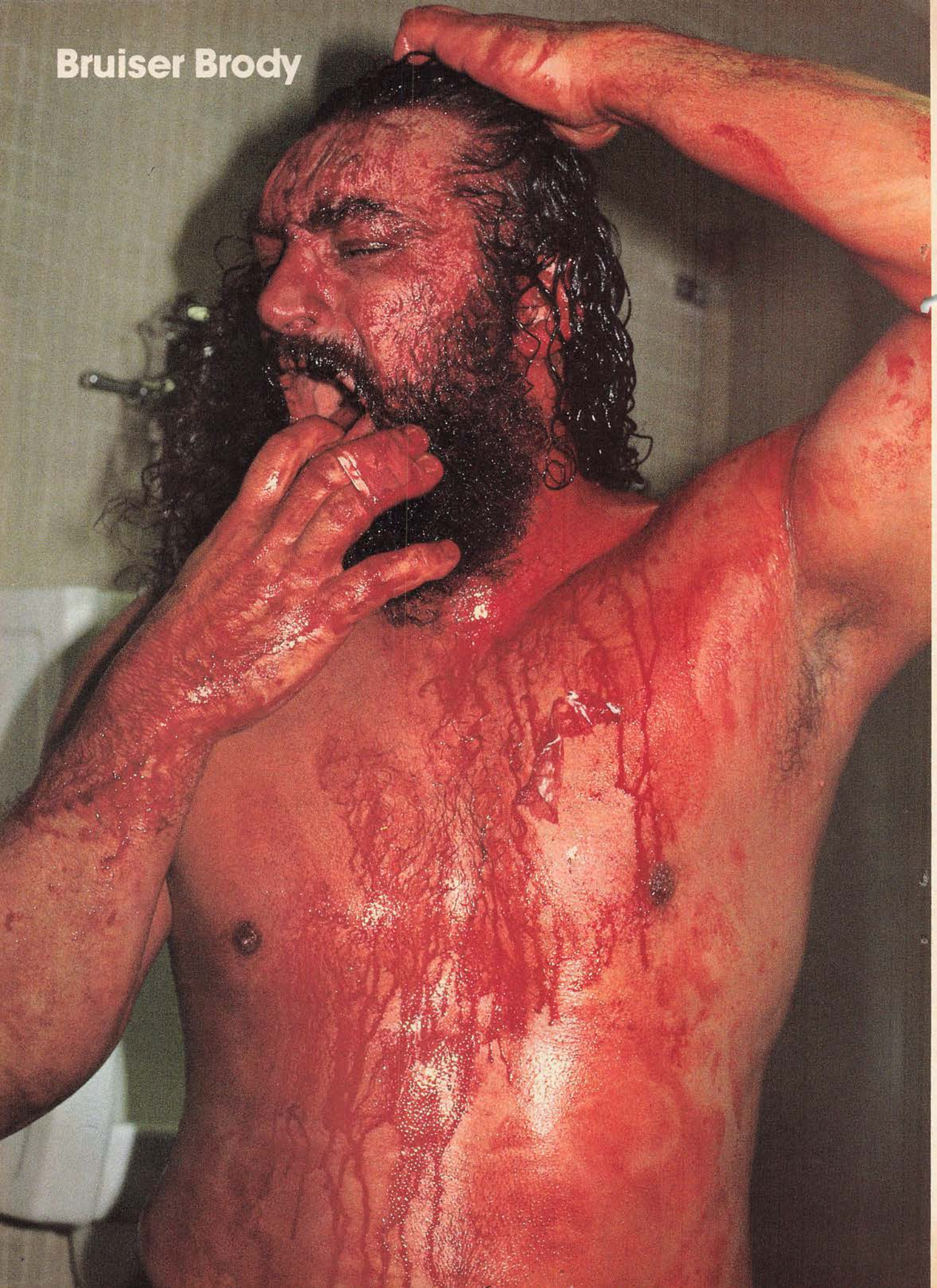
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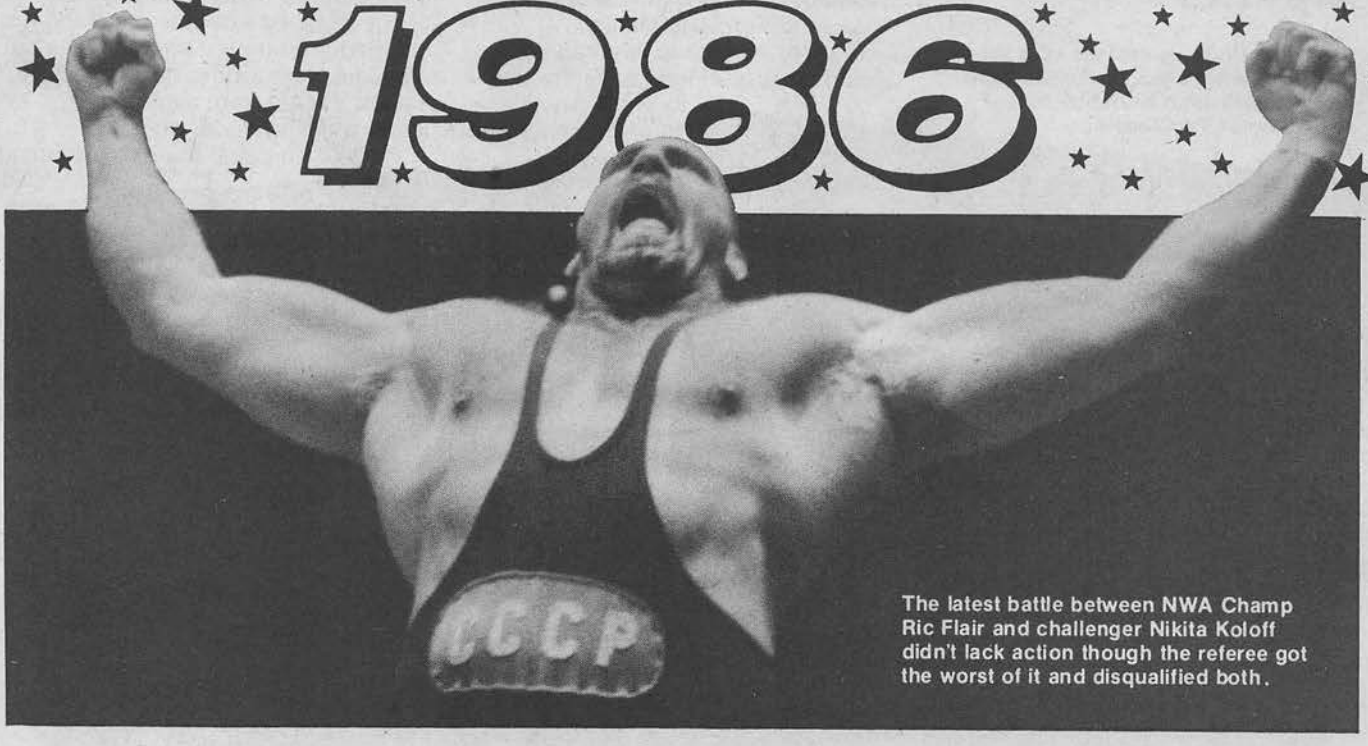


The latest battle between NWA Champ Ric Flair and challenger Nikita Koloff didn't lack action though the referee got the worst of it and disqualified both.

By Bob Blair

The ultimate wrestling showdown—so big, so brutal, so brimming with bloodthirsty action, with matches in both Atlanta and Greensboro—SIMULTANEOUSLY!

One of the biggest wrestling extravaganzas of the year was once again a tremendous success. It lived up to all its expectations and more. This year for the first time Starrcade took place in 2 different cities. As in previous years at the Greensboro Coliseum and this year also at the Omni Arena in Atlanta, Ga. All fans in attendance enjoyed both the live bouts and those on the giant TV screens in respective arenas. In all there were 12 great matches, 6 in each arena. Fans in attendance in Atlanta would watch one live match and then one match on the giant screens around the arena, likewise for those fans in Greensboro.

The first live match on the card took place in Greensboro. In that match Nelson Royal and his partner Tim Horner defeated the brother combo of Don and Rocky Kernodle.

Next it was Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin against Brad Armstrong. This match seesawed back and forth with neither man gaining a clear advantage. With both wrestlers trying so hard for victory, the time limit expired and the bout was ruled a draw.

In another tagteam encounter the team of Hector Guerrero and Baron Von Rashke defeated the Barbarian and Shaska Whatley.

The first title match of the evening saw Central States Champion Sam Houston put his title on the line gainst the man from "down under" Superstar Bill Dundee. Dundee's vast knowledge of scientific wrestling as well as his knack for brawling seemed to get the best of Houston. Dundee was close to victory on numerous occasions, gaining many quick two-counts. But in the end Houston surprised the wily veteran and wrapped up the Superstar in a small package to secure the win.

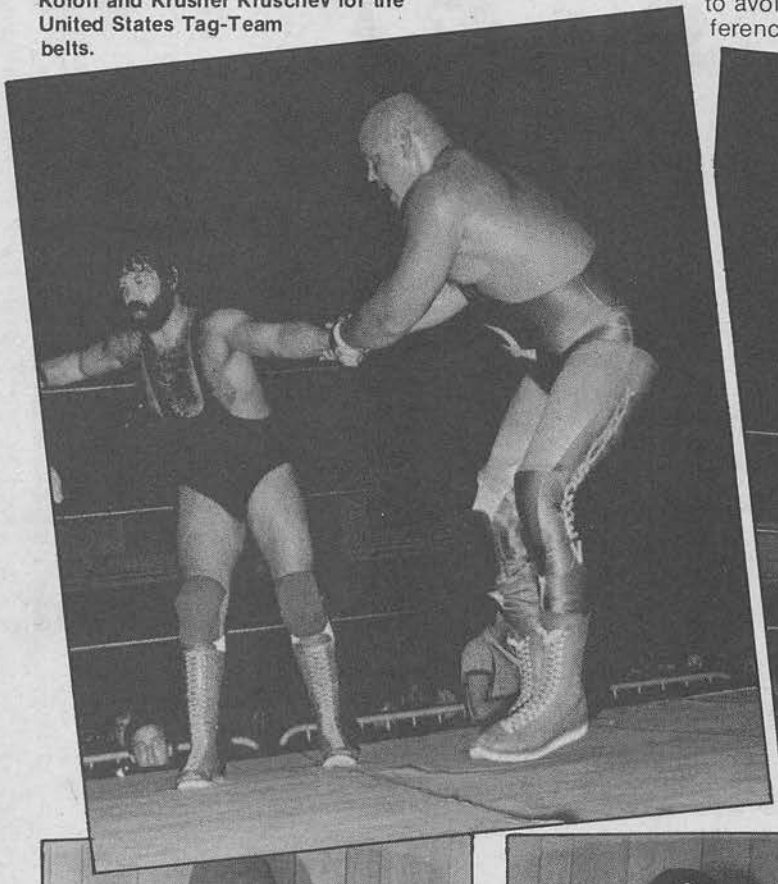
Next on the bill was an Indian Strap Match pitting the skills of Ravishing Ric Rude against the master of the strap match Wahoo McDaniel. Rude drew first blood busting open Wahoo with continuous blows to the head with the strap. But it wasn't soon after that Wahoo returned the favor and both men were bleeding. Both McDaniel and Rude had opportunities to win this match, but in the end it was the master who dragged Rude around the ring touching all four turnbuckles to win this match.

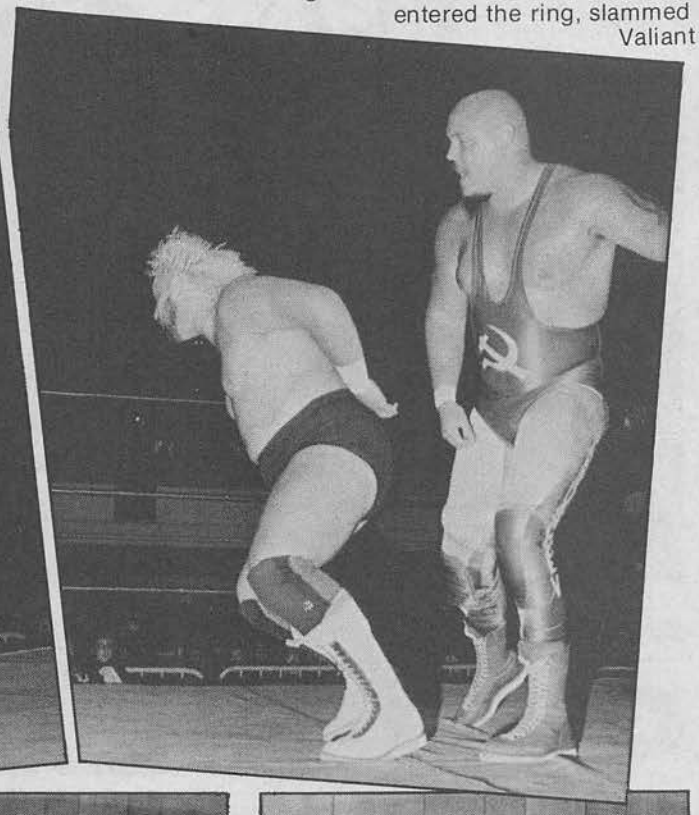
In the next bout the United States Tag-Team Titles were on the line in a No DQ match. Champions Ivan Koloff and Krusher Kruschev defended the straps against the Kansas Jayhawks (Bobby Jaggers & Dutch Mantell). This was a rugged battle with very little signs of scientific wrestling. It was the

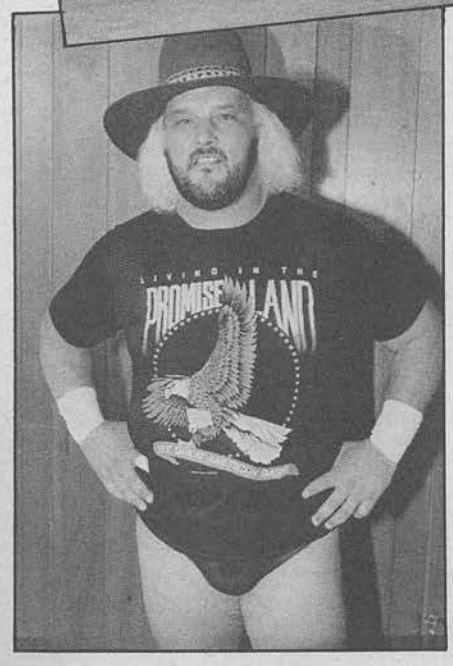
U.S.S.R. against the U.S.A. The Russians managed to secure the victory after knocking out Jaggers with Koloff's chain. As Koloff threw Jaggers to the ropes, Kruschev hit the Hangman on the back of the head knocking him out for an easy pin. You can bet you haven't seen the last of this feud.

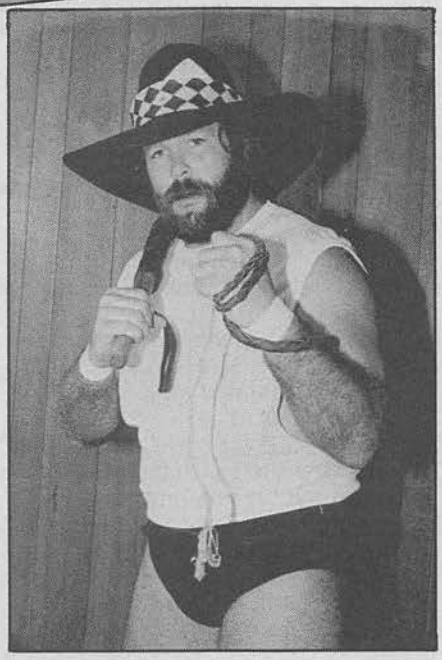
It was the USSR against the USA when the Kansas Jayhawks challenged Ivan Koloff and Krusher Kruschev for the United States Tag-Team belts.

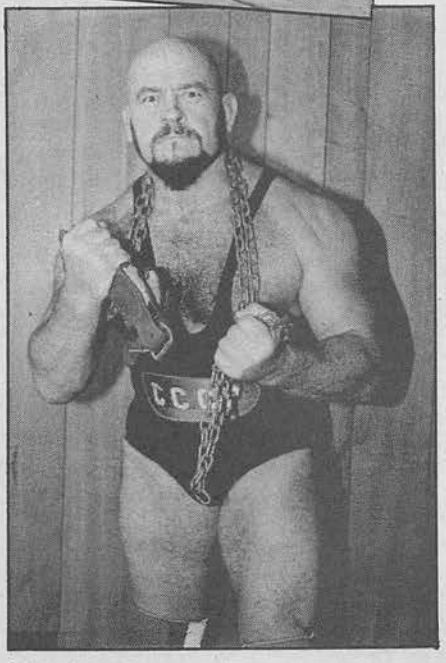
The next encounter was the long awaited Hair Match. In this contest Boogie Woogie man Jimmy Valiant put up the hair of Big Mama against the hair of Paul Jones. Should either man be victorious, the head of either Jones or Big Mama would be shaved bald in center ring. Another stipulation in this match was that Paul Jones' protege Manny Fernandez be locked in a cage that would be suspended above the ring to avoid any interference. Fernandez refused to enter the cage but was literally chopped into it by former friend and partner Wahoo McDaniel. Jones quickly opened a gash on Valiant's head with a foreign object, hoping to gain a quick pin. But on this night Jimmy Valiant would not be beat. He eventually wrestled the object away from Jones and KO'd him for the pinfall. Now came the payback, Jimmy had the pleasure of shaving Jones' head bald right in the middle of the ring. Fernandez was finally released from the cage and he charged the ring to save his fallen manager from further humiliation. He caught Valiant from behind and along with Ric Rude, who also entered the ring, slammed Valiant











It was the USSR against the USA in a showdown for the United States Tag Team title. Champs Ivan Koloff and Krusher Kruschev outlasted Bobby Jaggers and Dutch Mantell of The Kansas Jayhawks.

head first into a metal folding chair. The three men beat a hasty retreat back to the dressing room when Wahoo McDaniel and Baron Von Rashke showed up on the scene to save their friend. But the deed had already been done, Paul Jones was now in the eyes of Valiant and the fans alike a "baldheaded Geek."

Louisiana Street Fight

A Louisiana Street Fight pitted the skills of "Hands of Stone" Ronnie Garvin against the brawn and size of Jim Cornette's bodyguard Big Bubba Rogers. Garvin had Rogers outmatched from the start, with quick jabs to the head that sent the big man falling from the ring on numerous occasions. Bubba's only offense was busting Garvin wide open with some type of object handed to him by Cornette. Once again due to Cornette's interference

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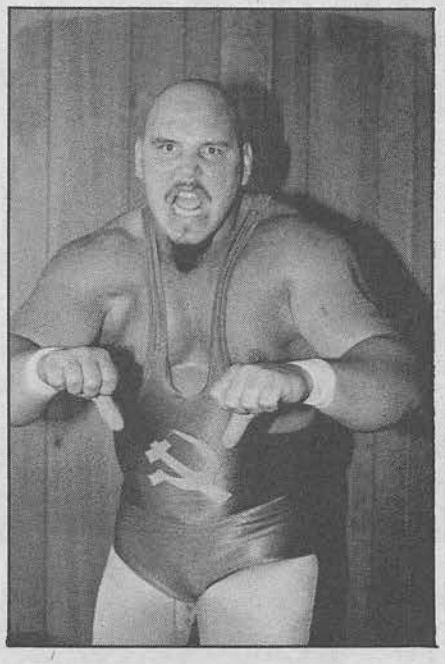

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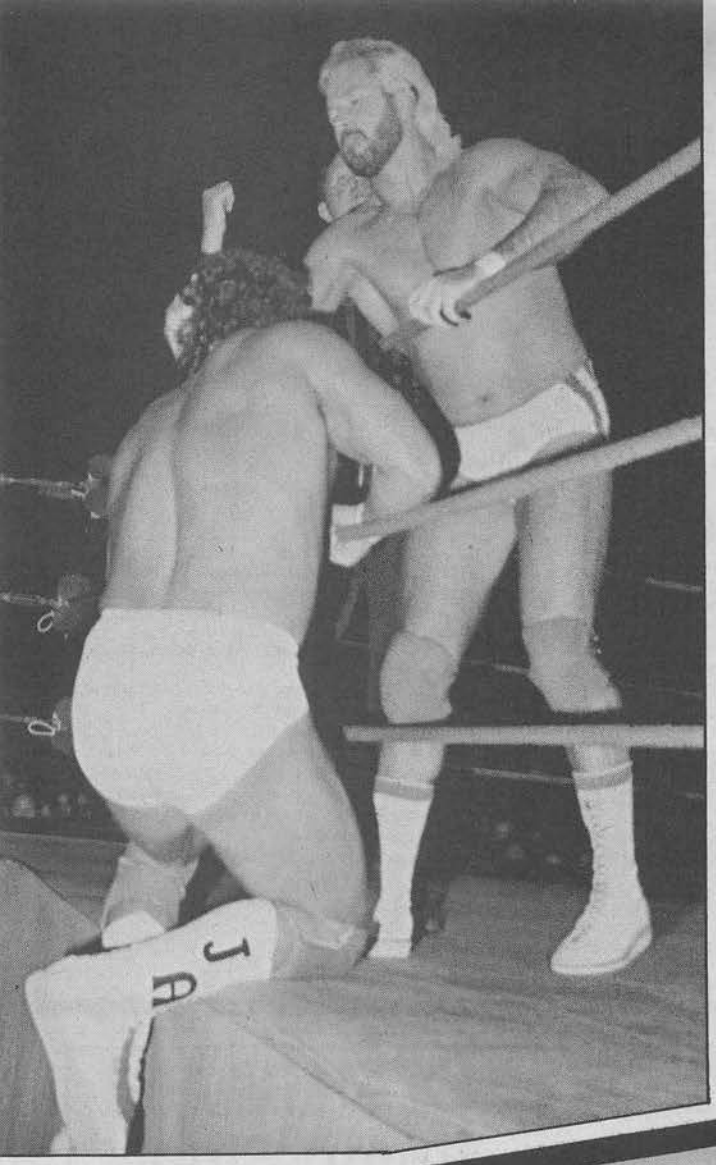
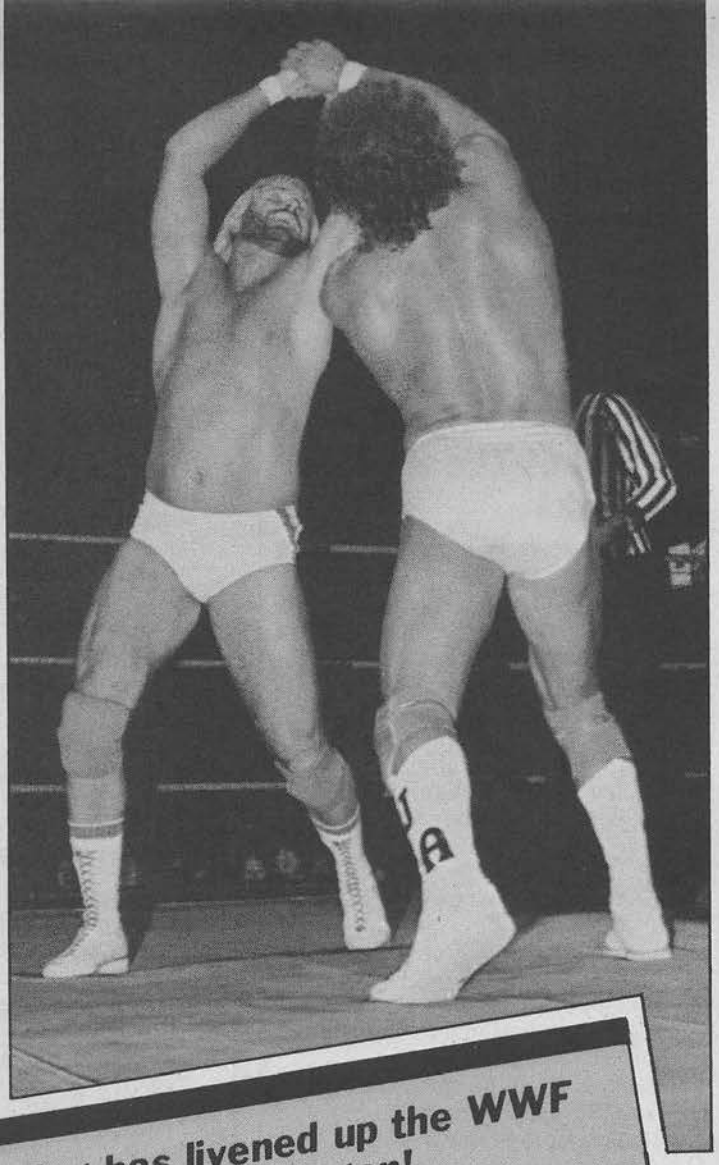
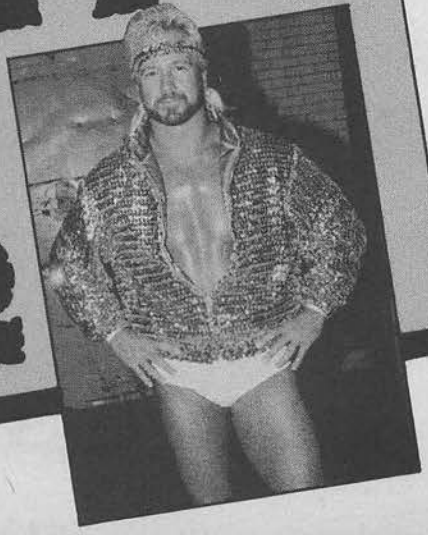
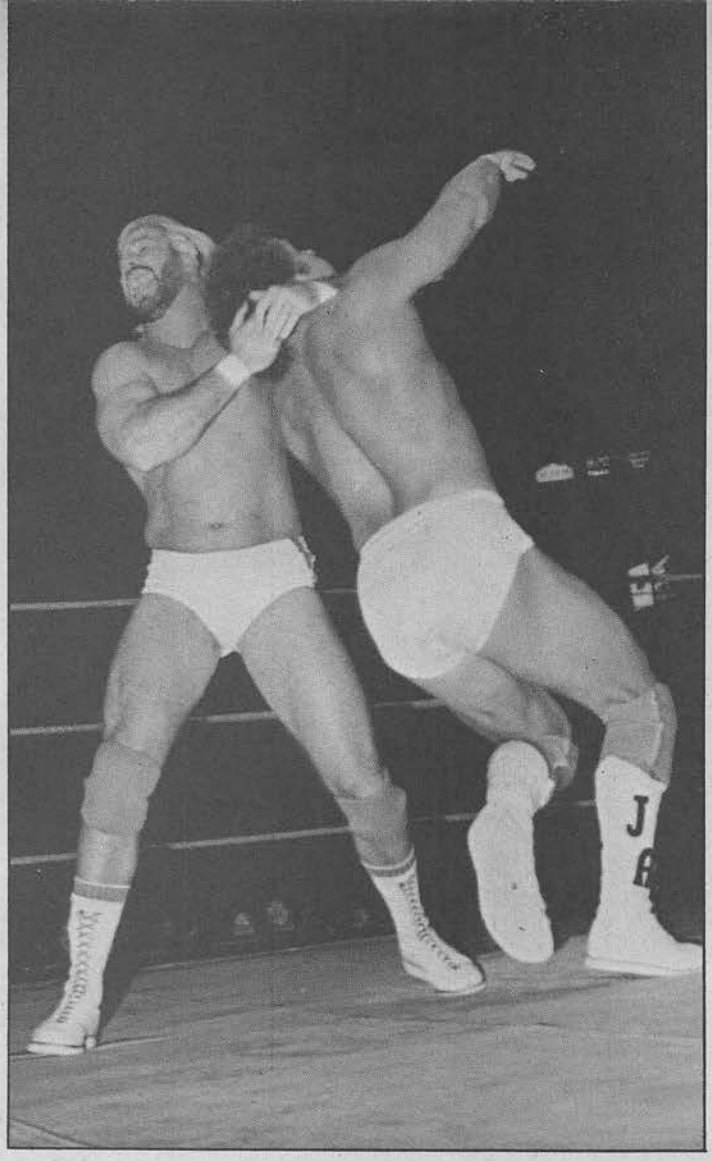


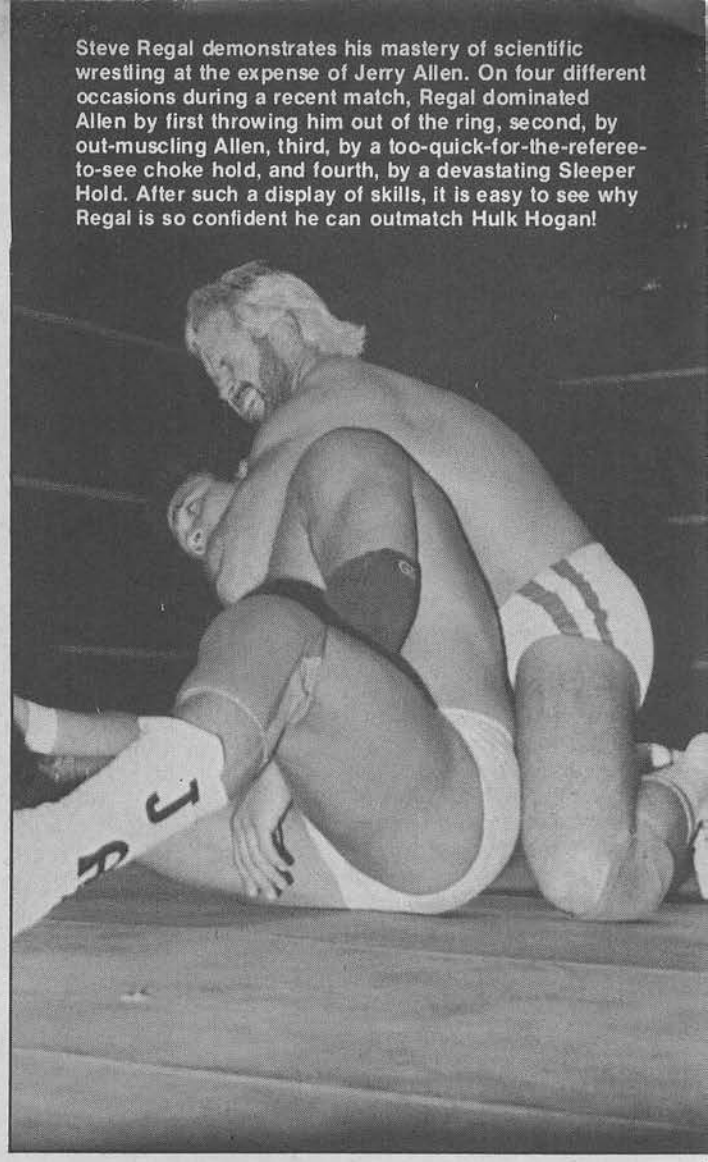


Regal's lightning-fast style of wrestling has livened up the WWF but could prove deadly to champ Hulk Hogan!

STEVE REGAL: MR. ELECTRICITY'S READY TO THUNDER







Steve Regal demonstrates his mastery of scientific wrestling at the expense of Jerry Allen. On four different occasions during a recent match, Regal dominated Allen by first throwing him out of the ring, second, by out-muscling Allen, third, by a too-quick-for-the-referee-to-see choke hold, and fourth, by a devastating Sleeper Hold. After such a display of skills, it is easy to see why Regal is so confident he can outmatch Hulk Hogan!

By D.J. Franklin

"The fans here in the WWF have the honor and privilege of seeing Mr. Electricity", boasted Steve Regal. "They know my track record. They know class when they see it."

Currently Regal has planted himself in the glitter crazed WWF. As yet Regal hasn't become involved in feuds or title chase but promises that will change. He says, "I'm looking over the situation. I see Hulk Hogan still has the world belt. Randy Savage has the Intercontinental belt. The British Bulldogs hold the tag team belts. Those are three belts that would look great around my waist. Don't think I'm boasting. Hogan can be beaten. Sure he's a big man but I've seen tapes of what Savage did against him. Now I'm near Savage's weight and I have the style to offset Hogan. As for Savage he's much tougher because of his quickness and agility. Now I have all that and more. As for the Bulldogs all I need is the right tag partner. I'm willing to bide my time but not for long. If you want the brass ring, one must reach for it."

Steve Regal knows what he wants. He knows how to achieve it. In a successful mat career that has spanned some ten years, he's been a top notch performer. He started out in Indianapolis getting his training from Wilbur Snyder and The Bruiser. Regal enjoyed early success. The fans cheered his scientific style. The cheers grew louder when he teamed with Spike Huber.

Regal has fond memories of his years with Huber. "Spike and I clicked right off. We were the perfect team. We relied on speed, agility with well executed maneuvers. Those were good learning years. We eventually won the WWA World Tag Team Championship. When we lost the belts we stayed together but the magic was gone. I wanted to travel, so we split up."

With the split also came change for Regal. Change of territory and change of style. His tactics became rougher. He bent the rules to suit his purpose. Now the fans turned against him. Says Regal, "The loss of the belts did something to me. We were cheated of the belts. If cheating gets you the top money, then I'll cheat. I'll bend the rules. So far I've done very well. Fans may call me rulebreaker. I call my style 'heads up wrestling'. Call it aggressive wrestling. I call it winning."

Steve Regal found his way to the AWA. Being only 218 pounds he was

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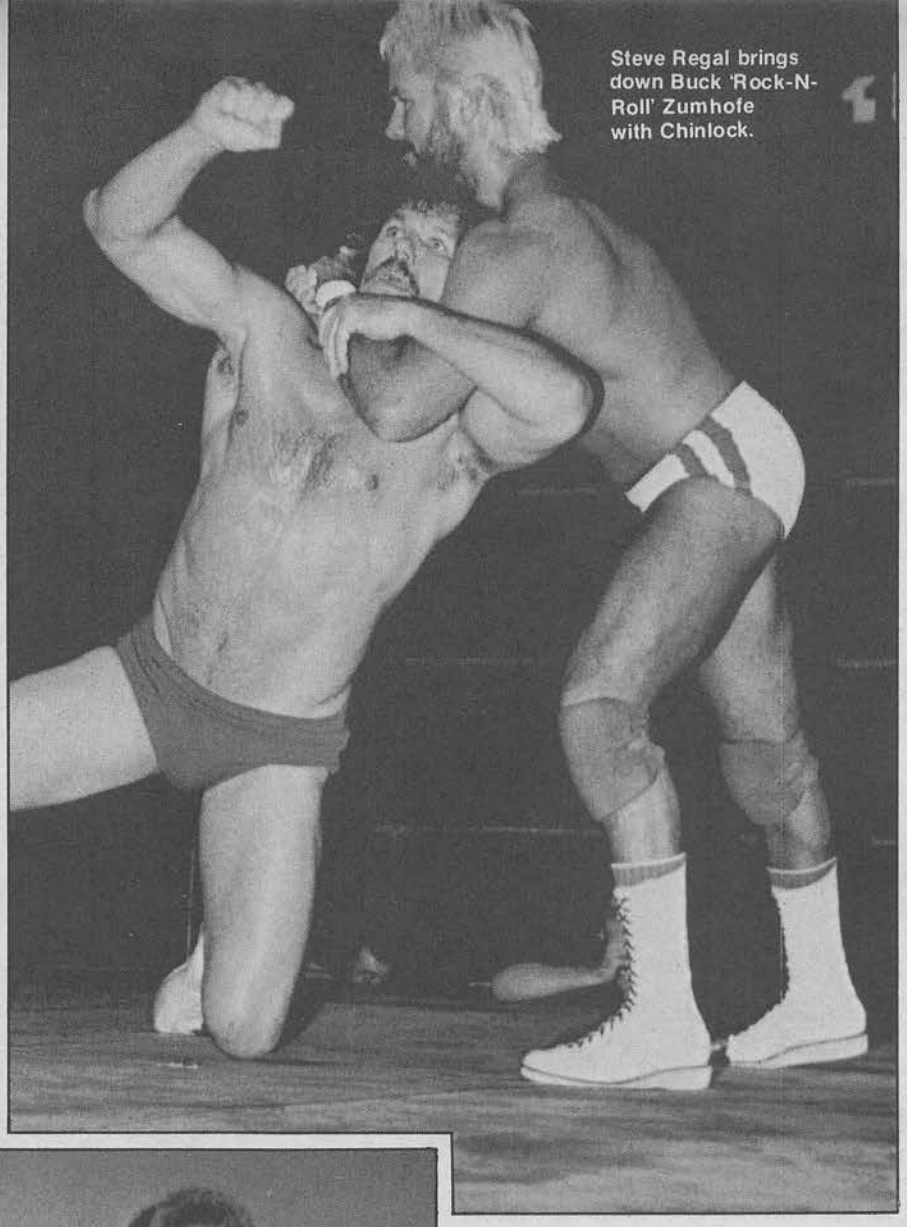
considered a Lightheavyweight. It mattered none to Regal. He offered his challenges to anyone. His big challenge came against Buck "Rock-N-Roll" Zumhofe, the AWA Lightheavyweight Champion. Regal, hungry for money, for glory, won the belt. For the next two years Regal would lose and regain this belt from Zumhofe. In these two years Regal defended the belt against all comers. Aside from Zumhofe, Regal had tough matches against Greg Gagne; Jim Brunzell and Brad Rheingans.

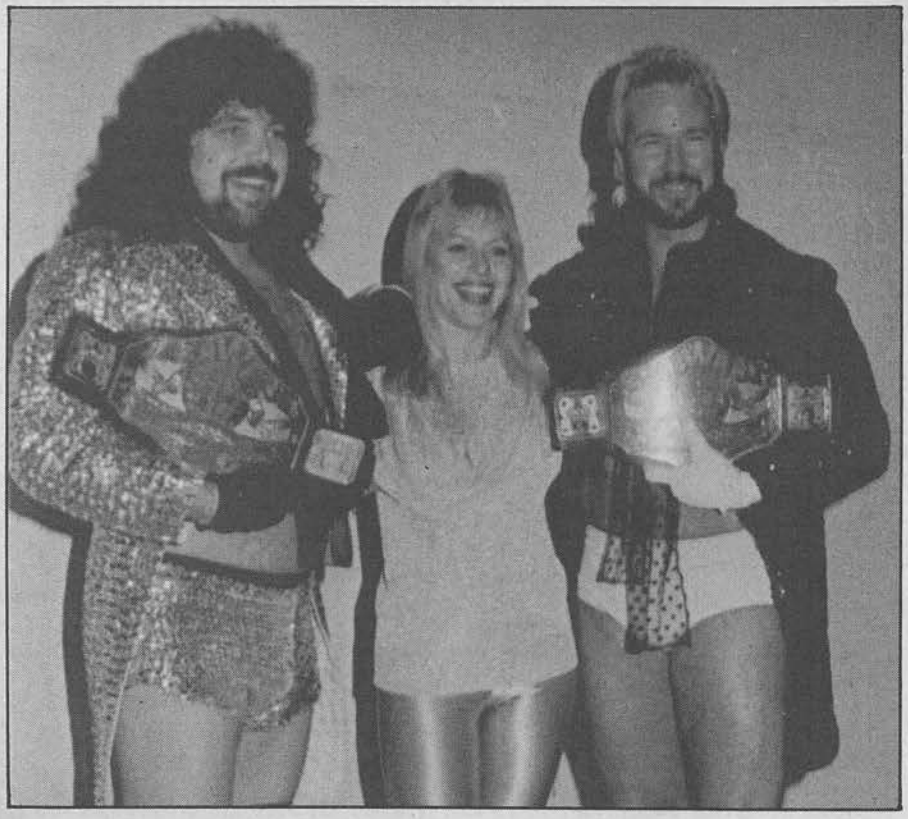
Joins Jimmy Garvin

While still reigning Lightheavyweight champion Regal joined forces with Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin and his main squeeze Precious, in 1985. This trio were highly colorful and extremely controversial. Their ring antics and tactics brought ire from mat fans. Fans hated seeing Regal and Garvin prance about in their sequined ring attire, as Precious sprayed the ring. What fans overlooked was this team worked well as a unit.

Says Regal, "Jimmy and Precious were exactly what I searched for. I had felt it was time to form a tag team. Garvin had the perfect



Steve Regal brings down Buck 'Rock-N-Roll' Zumhofe with Chinlock.



When Regal and Garvin threw their challenge, the fans laughed, The Road Warriors laughed louder. The laughter died when Regal and Garvin upset Hawk and Animal for the belts.

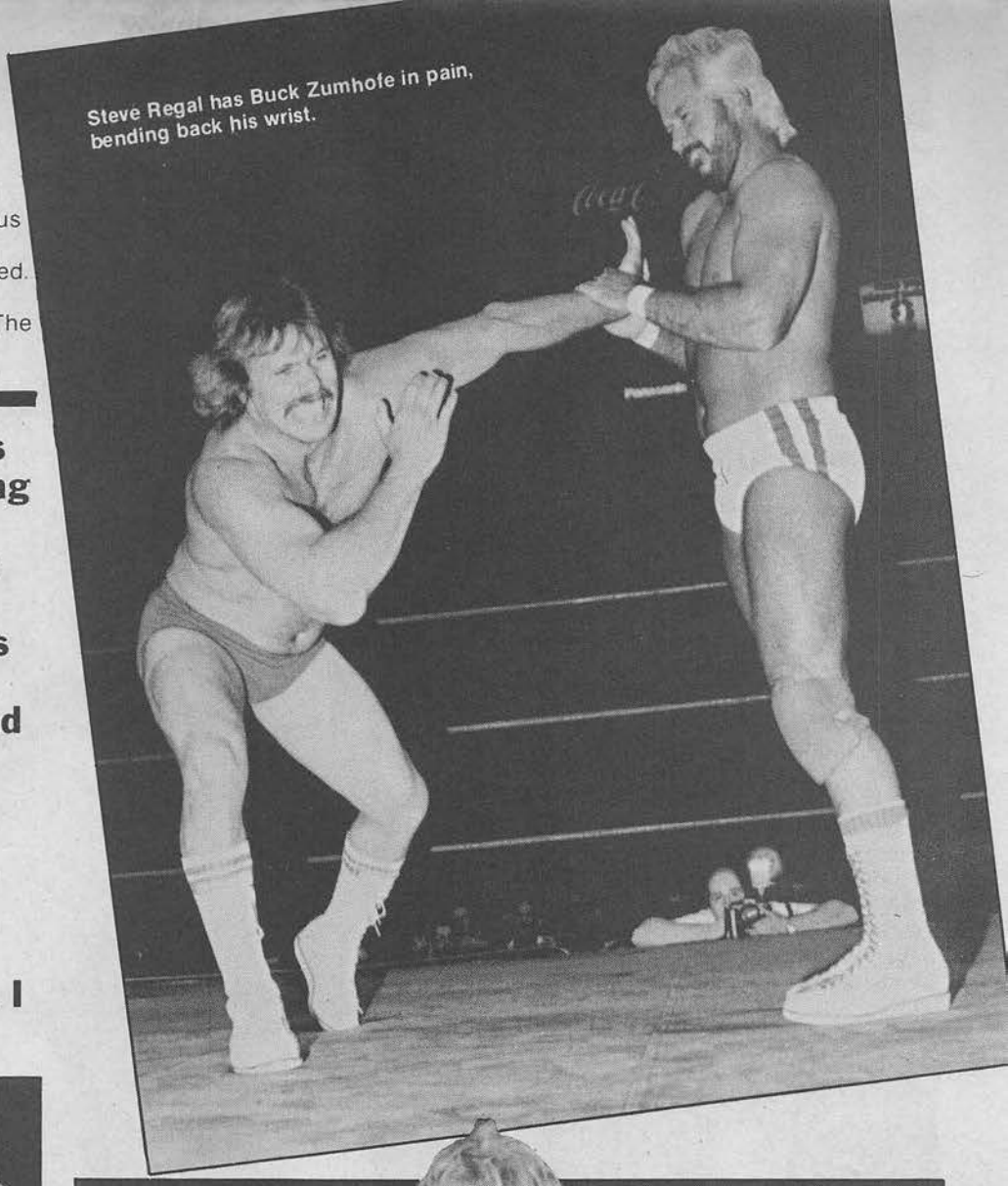
credentials. Colorful, experienced, devious, devil may care attitude. We gave away weight but we had agility, speed but most of all, ring smarts. We were perfect."

Nobody gave them much chance against The Road Warriors, holders of the AWA World Tag Team Championship. When Regal and

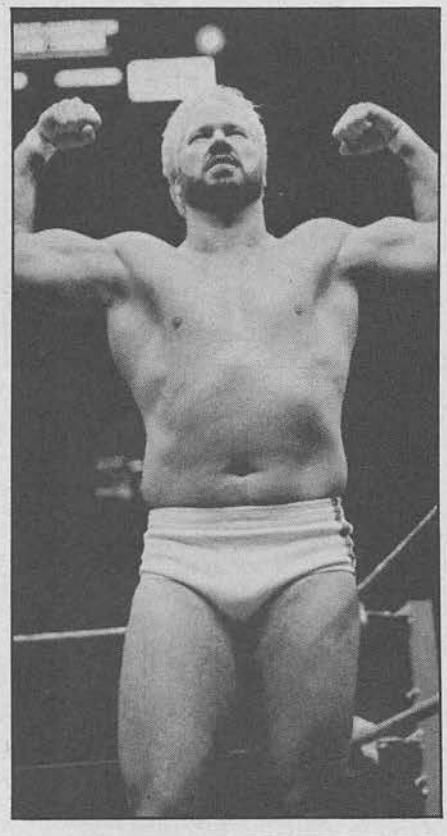
Garvin threw their challenge, the fans laughed. The Road Warriors laughed louder. The laughter died when Regal and Garvin upset Hawk and Animal for the belts. Of course Regal and Garvin had help when The Fabulous Freebirds, Michael Hayes, Terry Gordy and Buddy Roberts interfered.

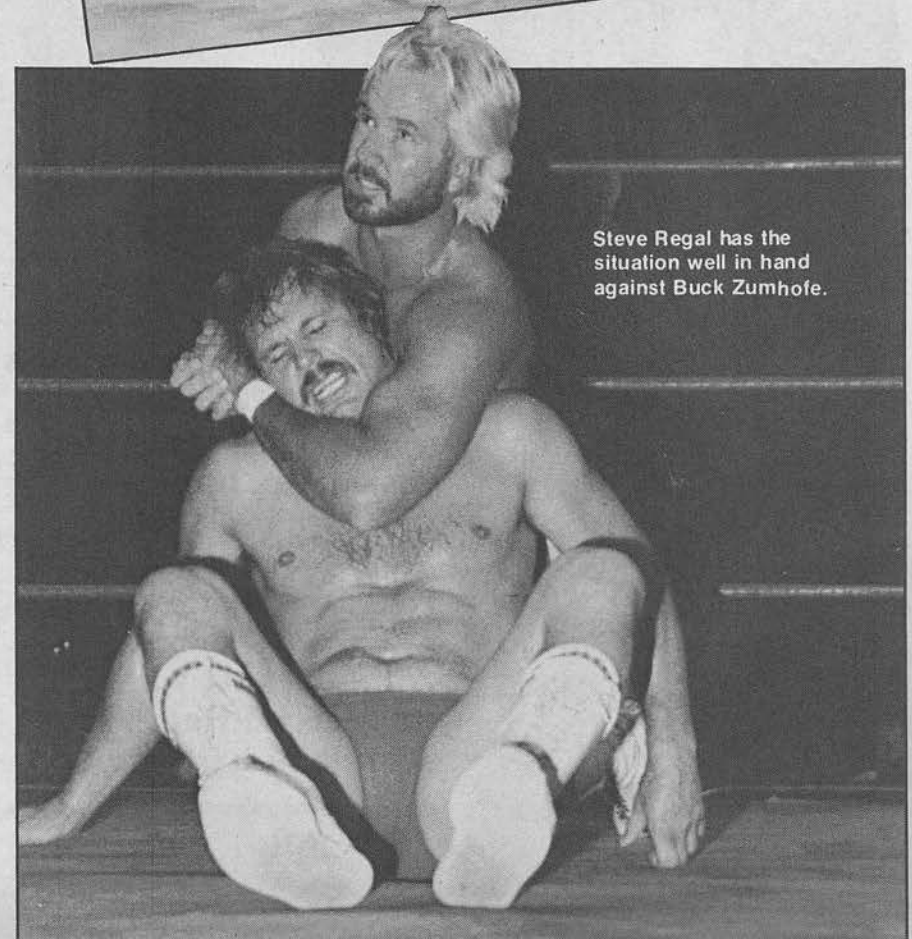
Regal denies this, "We needed help from nobody. We didn't ask The Freebirds for help or to interfere.

Says Regal: "The loss of the WWA World Tag Team belts did something to me. We were cheated of the belts. If cheating gets you the top money, then I'll cheat. I'll bend the rules. So far I've done very well. Fans may call me rulebreaker. I call my style 'heads up wrestling'. Call it aggressive wrestling. I call it winning."



Steve Regal has Buck Zumhofe in pain, bending back his wrist.





Steve Regal has the situation well in hand against Buck Zumhofe.

REGAL

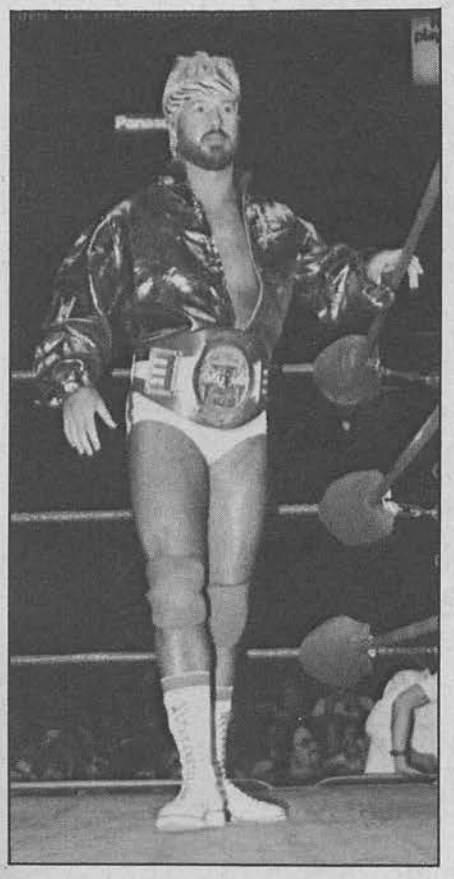
Why they chose to attack The Road Warriors was because they hated them. But it did help our cause and Jimmy capitalized on this by pinning Animal. There wasn't any pre-planning between us and The Freebirds. In fact we even defended the belts against them."

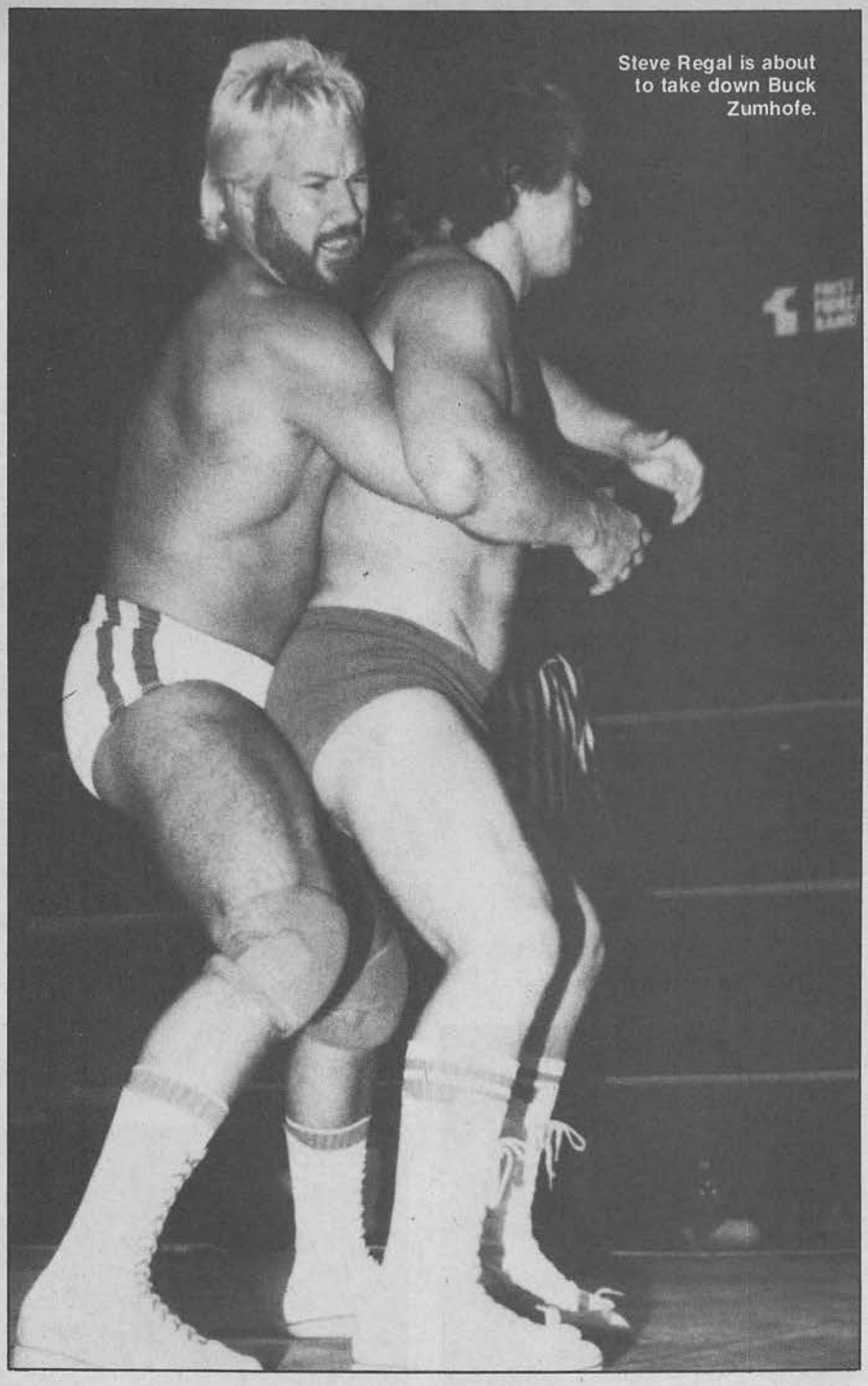
Defeated By Hall & Hennig

For the next four months Regal and Garvin successfully defended their belts until January 1986 when they ran afoul of Scott Hall and Curt Hennig. They lost the belts in Albuquerque, New Mexico, when Hall forced Regal to submit to a Bearhug. So powerful is Hall he broke several of Regal's ribs.

The rib injury forced Regal from active competition for six weeks. It also spelled finish for Regal and Garvin as a team. Steve explains, "Jimmy and Precious left during my recuperation. I packed up and entered the World Class in Texas. I stayed a few months, packed my bags for Jim Crockett Jr., where Jimmy and Precious were. Jimmy and I got together for some matches but not steady. Crockett promoted The American Bash tour and I beat Denny Brown, winning the NWA World Jr. Heavyweight Championship. Once this belt was gone I packed again and WWF here I come."

Steve Regal when he reigned as AWA World Light Heavyweight Champion.





Steve Regal is about to take down Buck Zumhofe.

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The career of Steve Regal has been most successful. From hero to rulebreaker. How successful will he be in the WWF? That remains to be seen. Regal comments, "As I've said before I'm ready for anyone. I have the credentials. I don't fear anyone. King Kong Bundy; Big John Studd or Kamala, even. Mr. Electricity is ready."

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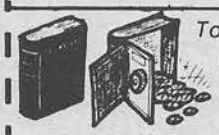

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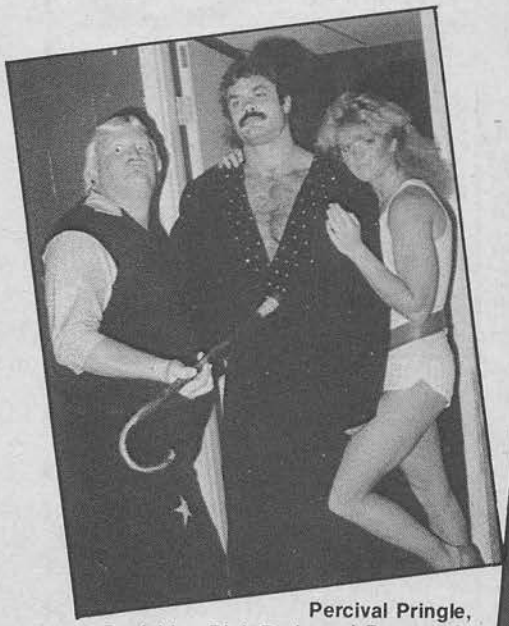
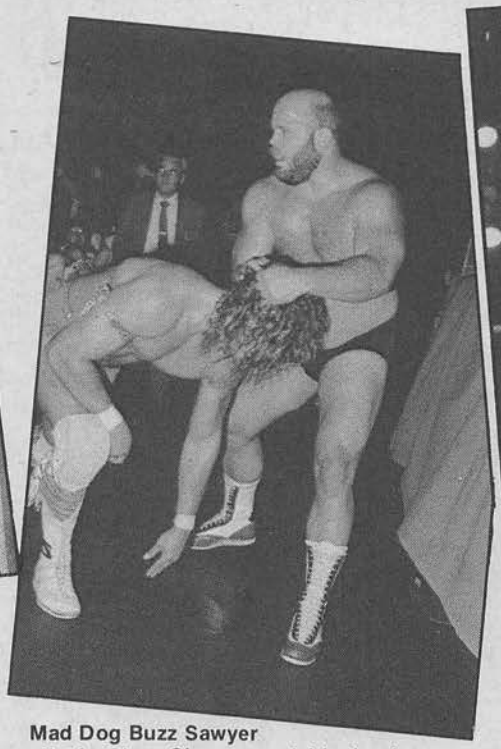
Percival Pringle III:

Manager Of The Year 1986!?

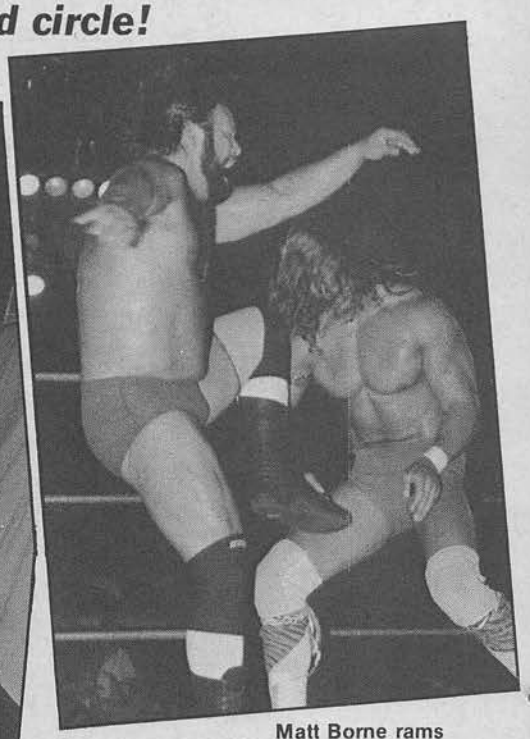
The evil genius behind Rick Rude and now Buzz Sawyer and Matt Borne reveals the big ambitions that are sure to cause no little trouble in the squared circle!



Percival Pringle, Ravishing Rick Rude and Raven.



Mad Dog Buzz Sawyer attacks Steve Simpson outside the ring.



Matt Borne rams knee into face of Steve Simpson.

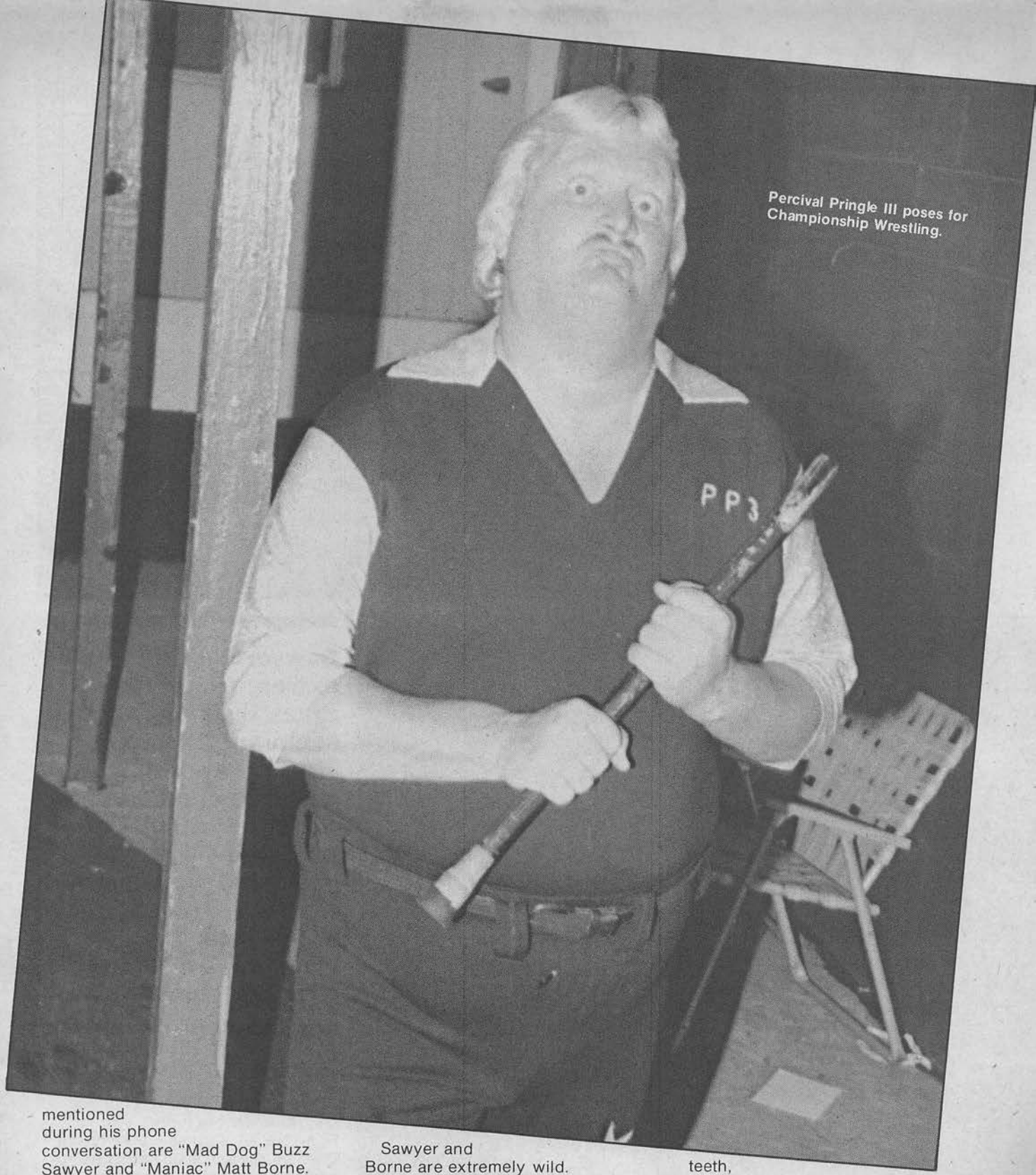
By Frank Amato

"Managing is the most difficult part of professional wrestling," Percival Pringle III commented. "Think about what a manager must do. Contact promoters, get matches set, dicker on money, travel arrangements, oversee training, constantly watch tapes of matches of opponents. Then comes being at ring-side, making sure your wrestlers won't get cheated. Making sure mistakes aren't made. I tell you, managing is tough."

Pringle sat behind his desk, shuffling papers, as he spoke. His hands moved fast, his eyes darted left, then right, his face turning pinkish. Pringle seemed nervous. The phone rang and Pringle pounced at it. Pringle listened for several seconds and said, "Sawyer and Borne get the money agreed upon or they don't wrestle. We're not charity workers, my good man. You want the best, you must pay. Just so we understand. Bye."

Pringle looked across his desk, "Just call me Percy and things will be fine," purred Pringle in his southern accent. Percy nodded towards the phone, "The nerve of that promoter trying to lower our price. I tell you managing isn't all glamour. The fans only see what's up front. They see Percival Pringle managing wrestlers, making big money. They see a wrestling personality. They don't see the inner workings. All the paper work. The uncountable phone calls. Having lawyers on retainer, going over contracts. I tell you, the time gets away from me. After I leave this office I watch Sawyer and Borne at the gym. Then comes dinner and off to the arena. This is the world of wrestling managers."

Sawyer and Borne whom Percy



Percival Pringle III poses for Championship Wrestling.

mentioned during his phone conversation are "Mad Dog" Buzz Sawyer and "Maniac" Matt Borne. Percy has been managing them since the summer. Why did Percy take on this duo?" I saw raw talent with proper guidance becoming tag team champions. Percy is always looking for talent. When Sawyer and Borne first entered the World Class I was impressed. All they needed was direction and discipline. I gave them my brain power. I told them I would make them champions."

Sawyer and Borne are extremely wild. At times their ring tactics seem un-orthodox. They'll attack and brutalize opponents for the sheer thrill of it. At times they'll display holds and maneuvers with ease. Mostly they are vicious. Their nicknames fit them, Mad Dog and Maniac.

Buzz Sawyer has been know to carry things too far in matches. Using chains, tables, taped weapons, teeth, the ring-post, chairs or anything Sawyer can grab. Nobody wrestles Sawyer. They fight for survival. In these past few years Sawyer seems totally unglued. While wrestling he constantly laughs, his eyes rolling about. At times Sawyer will get down on hands and knees and growl. One can expect the worst from Sawyer and receive it.

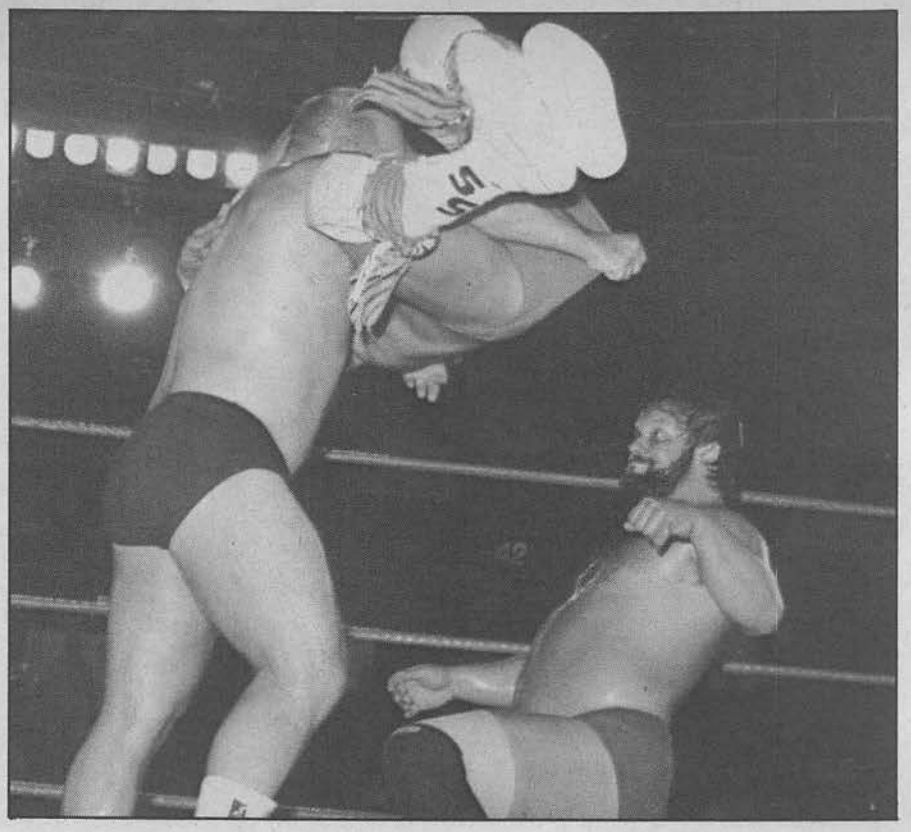
How does Percy keep Sawyer in

Pringle

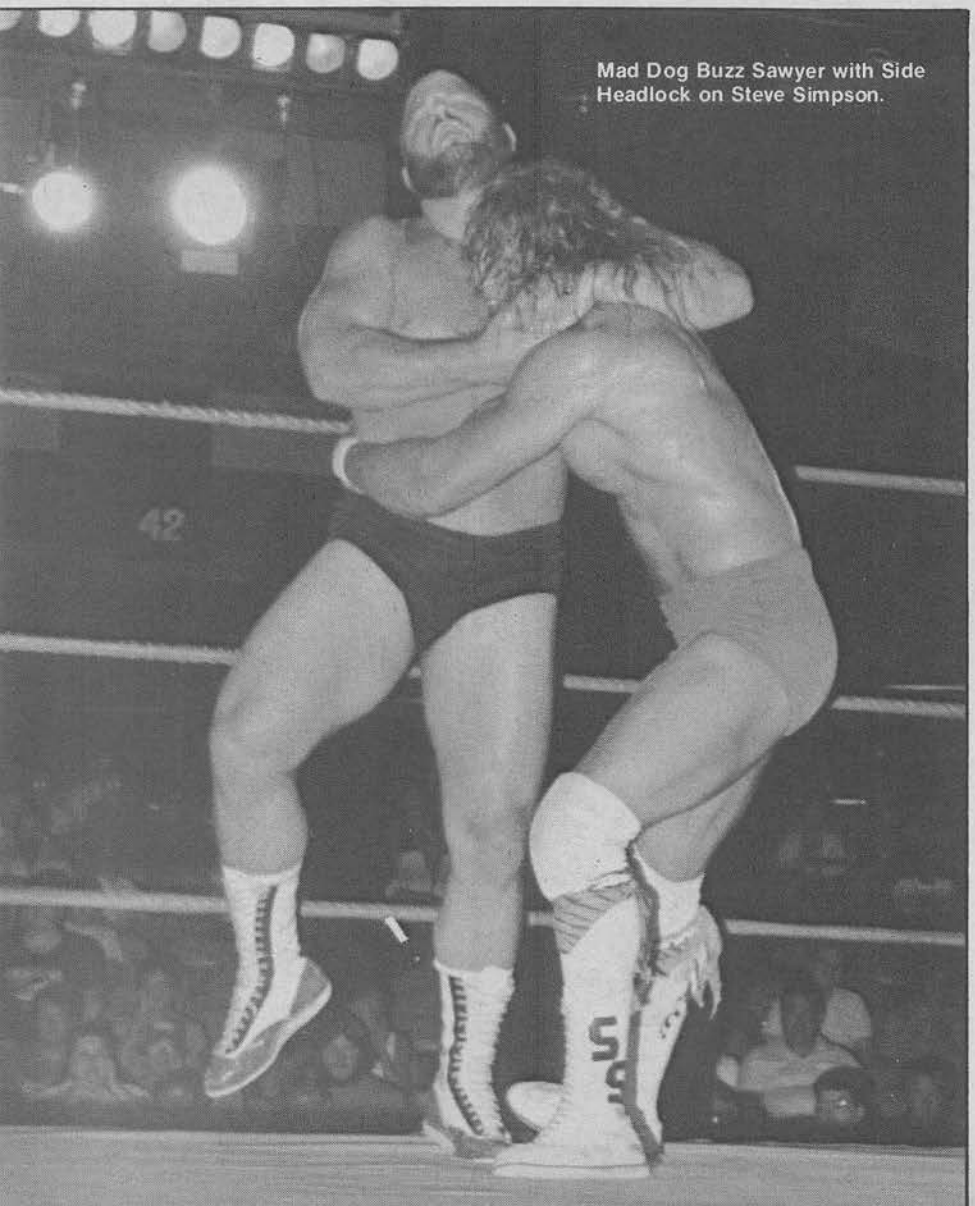
check? Percy smiles, "I use this", pointing to his head. "I know where Sawyer comes from. He's getting his frustrations out. I'm there to control him with kindness but also using a firm attitude. A manager must display discipline, show who's boss. Sawyer can get carried away but he listens to Percy."

Percy admits managing a tag team is more difficult than one wrestler, "Well you have two egos. Two wrestlers with their own ideas. When they are wrestlers like Sawyer and Borne, you work overtime."

It was much different when Percy managed only Ravishing Rick Rude, Rude and Percy made quite the duo. Their three years together were highly successful. In Florida, Percy guided Rude as Florida State Champion and Southern Champion.



Mad Dog Buzz Sawyer drives Steve Simpson across outstretched knee of Maniac Matt Borne.



Mad Dog Buzz Sawyer with Side Headlock on Steve Simpson.

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For many months they ruled Florida completely.

In the World Class region Percy and Rude went to further heights. Rude quickly became the American Champion and defended that belt by hook or crook. Many times Rude stayed champion because of Percy's interference. When the World Class decided to be independently run, they changed Rude's belt into a world championship. They also changed the rules. If a champion gets disqualified or his manager gets him disqualified, the belt changes hands.

When Percy first heard this, he

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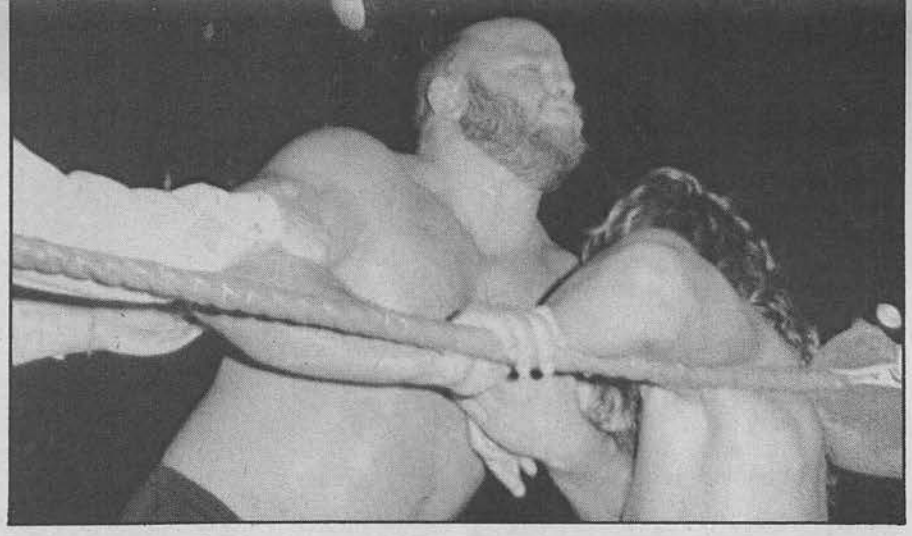
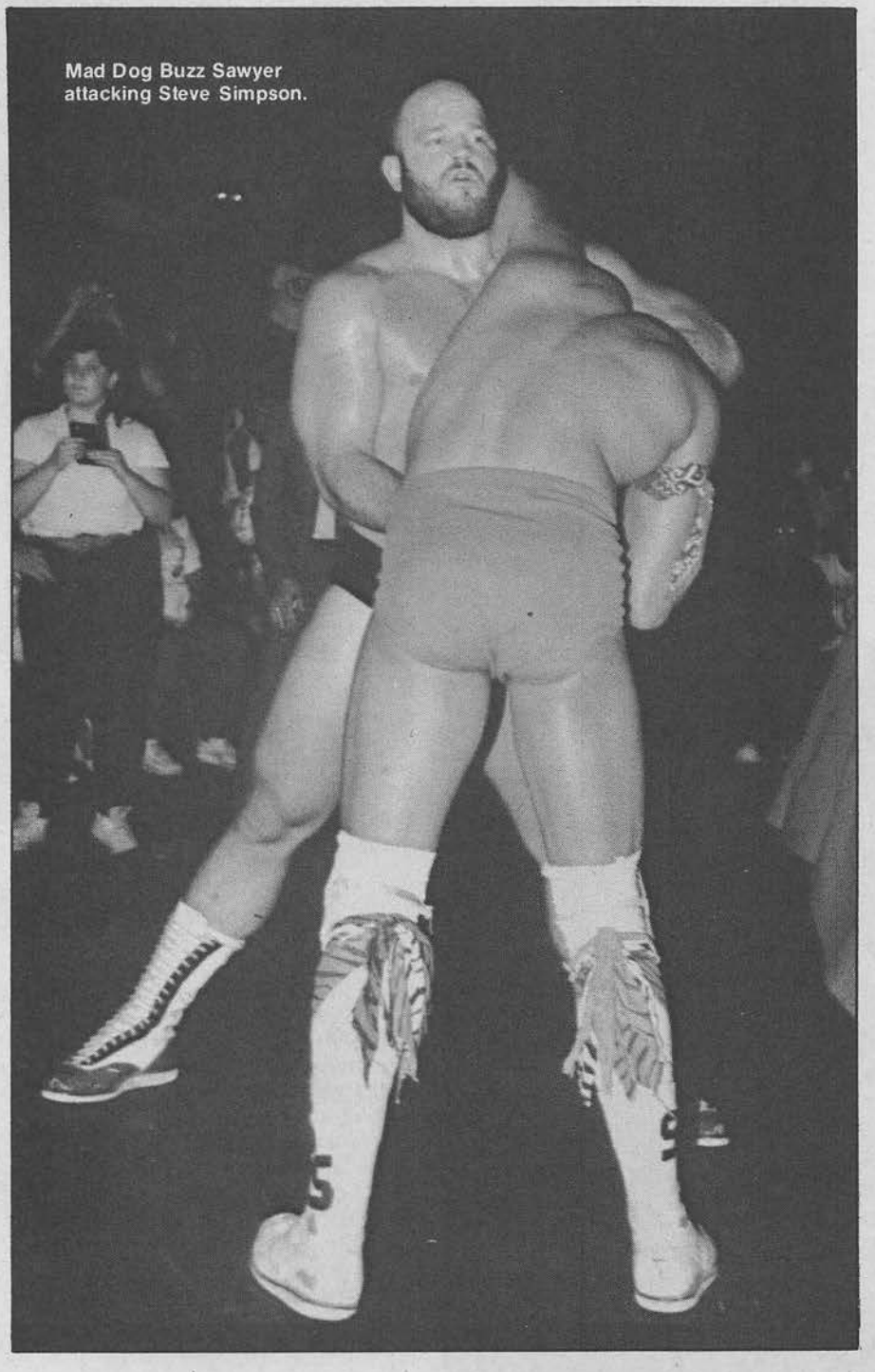
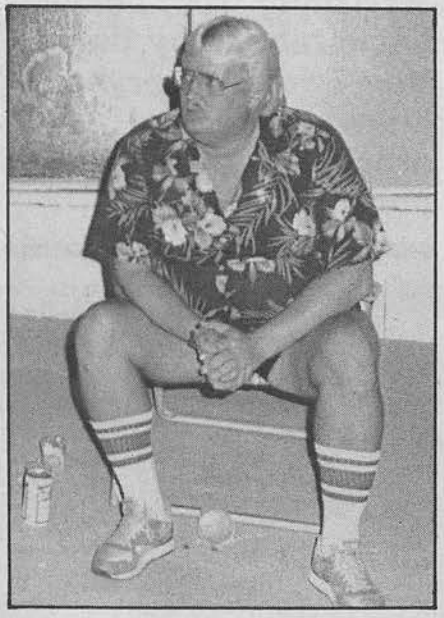




Mad Dog Buzz Sawyer attacking Steve Simpson.

fought to remove that ruling. It failed. Percy claims, "It was those Von Erich's. I blame them. Ravishing beat them easily. They say I interfered. That's a lie. I only protected Ravishing from being backstabbed by those Von Erich's. Everybody knows they have officials in their pockets. Hell, they even blamed Raven, that sweet southern beauty, about interfering. She'd never do that. She was there for moral support."

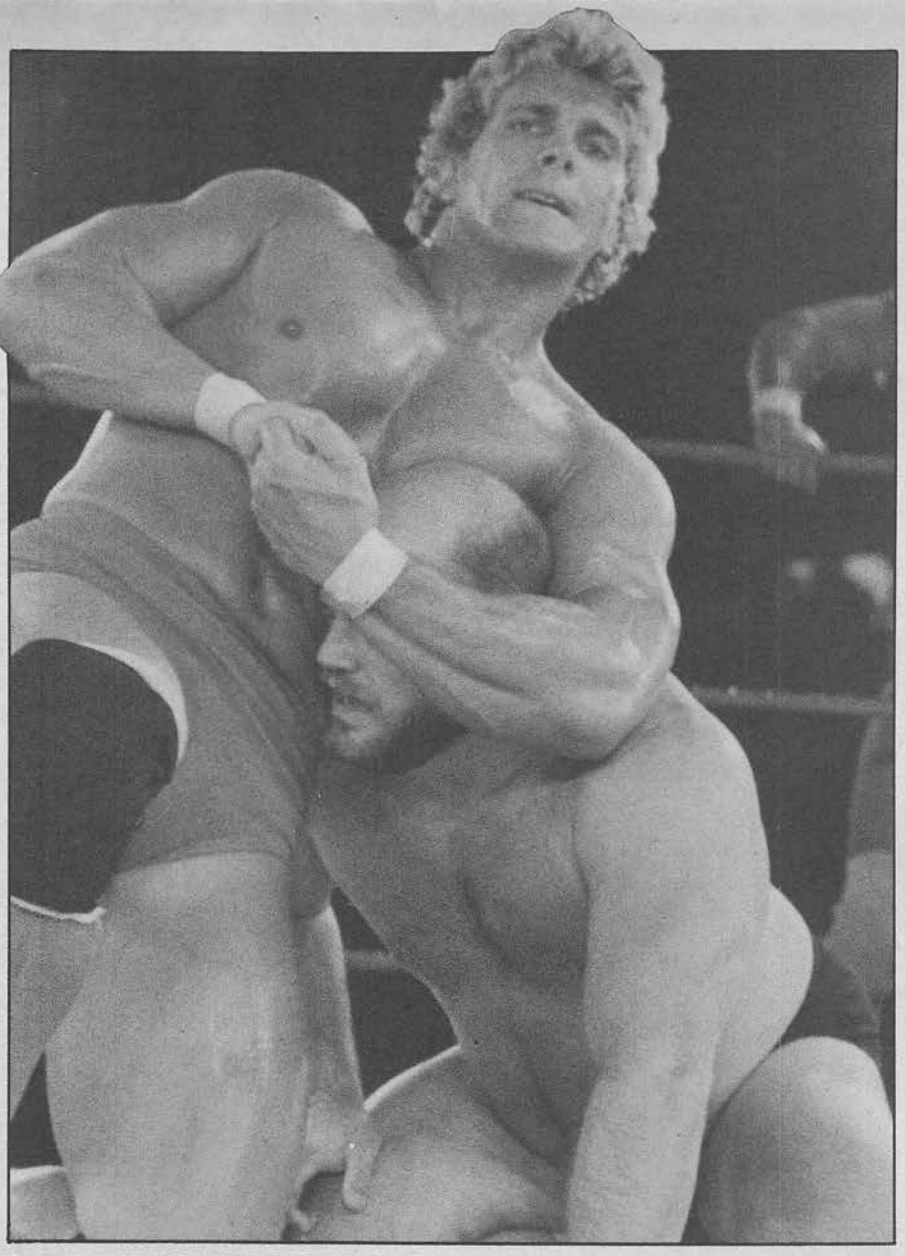


Says Pringle: "You know, I deserve being Manager of the Year. I truly believe that. I managed and held the American belt, World Belt and World Tag belts. What manager can claim equal feats?"

Pringle

Ravishing Rick Rude and Percival Pringle III ruled the roost until July 4, when Gentleman Chris Adams pinned Rude, with help from Percy, who intending to hit Adams with his cane, unwittingly, clobbered Rude instead. Rude was furious and from that point, things were never the same between them.

Percy denies this, "Ravishing and I had our differences but they were rectified. I admit I goofed but that happens. I'll manage Ravishing again down the road. He's in the NWA working for Jim Crockett Jr. and I wished him the best. Right now Sawyer and Borne hold the World Class Tag Team Championship, thanks to me."



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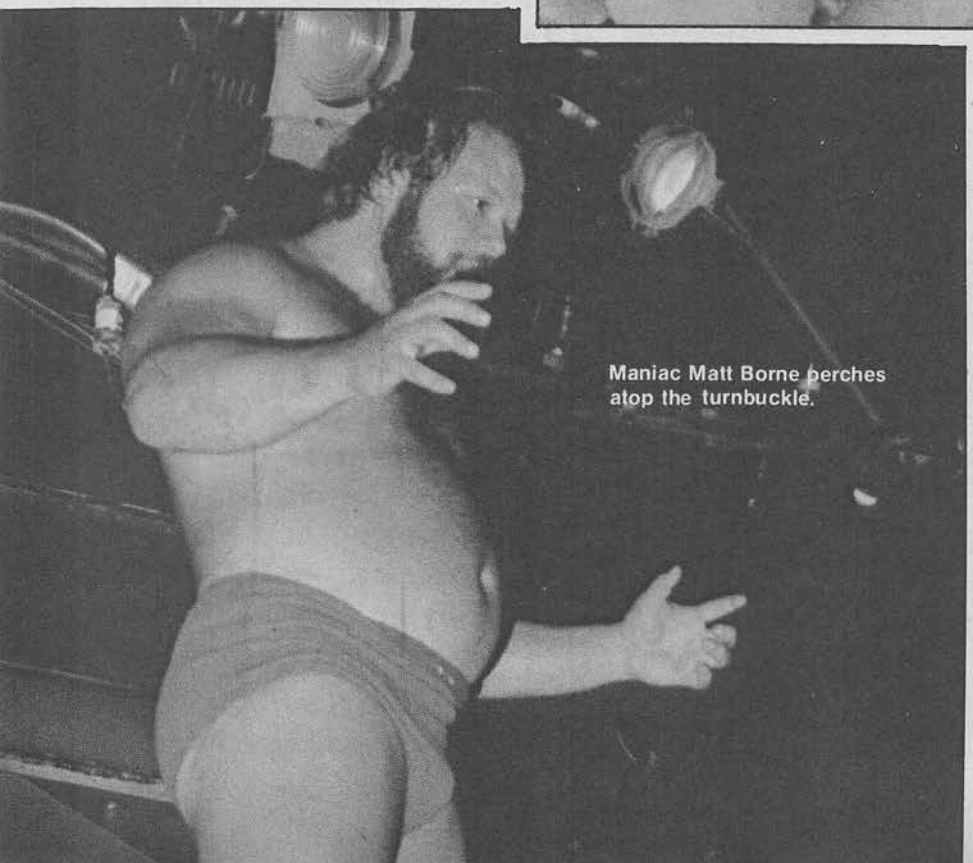

Maniac Matt Borne perches atop the turnbuckle.

Lost One, Won One!

Good old Percy lost one belt and gained another. Sawyer and Borne outlasted Chris Adams and Lance Von Erich in Ft. Worth, Texas on September 1. So far, Sawyer and Borne have defended the belts against all comers.

"You know, I deserve being Manager of the Year. I truly believe that. I managed and held the American belt, World Belt and World tag belts. What manager can claim equal feats? My managerial record can't be surpassed for '86. This was my year and the next will even be better."

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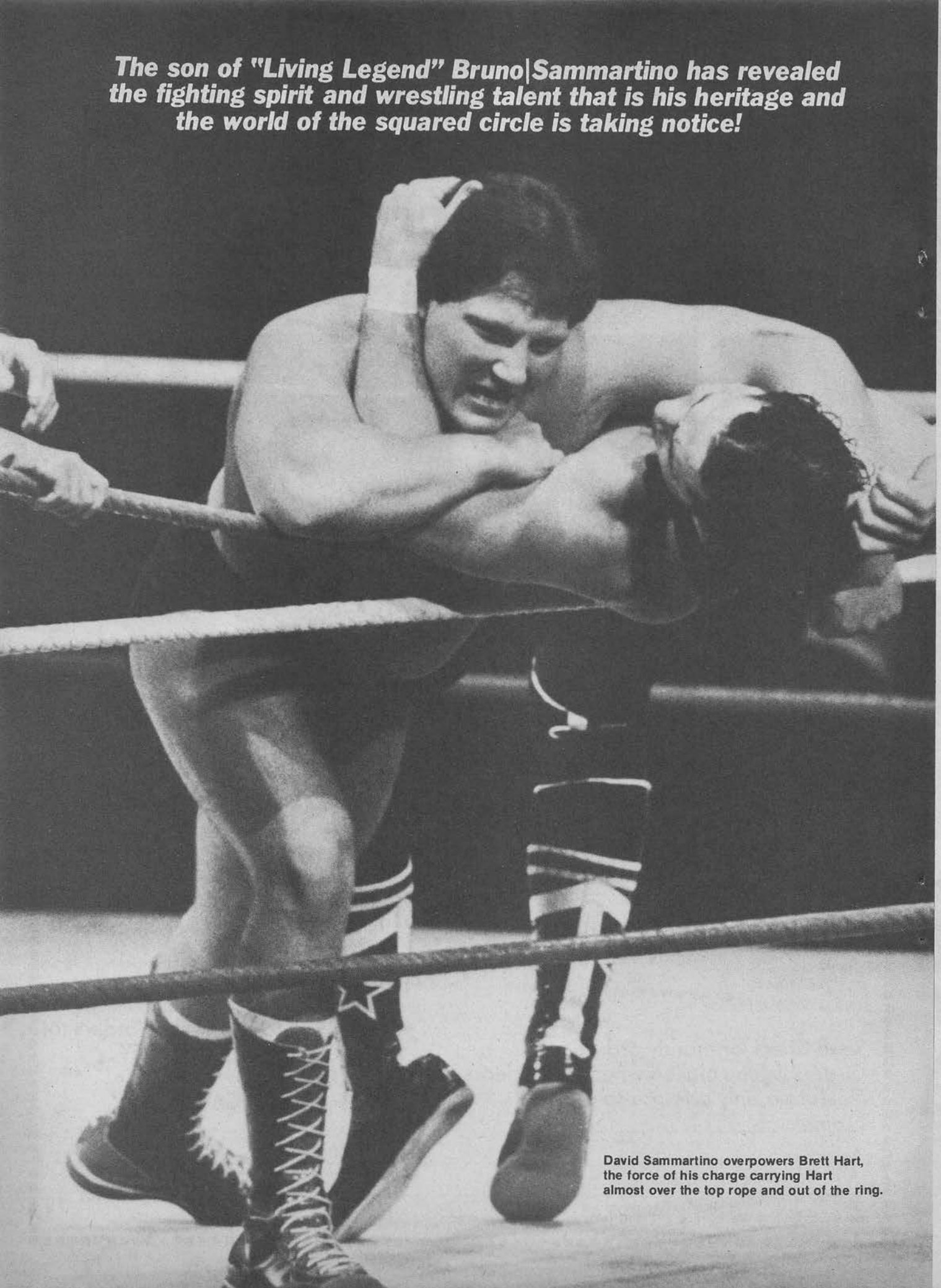
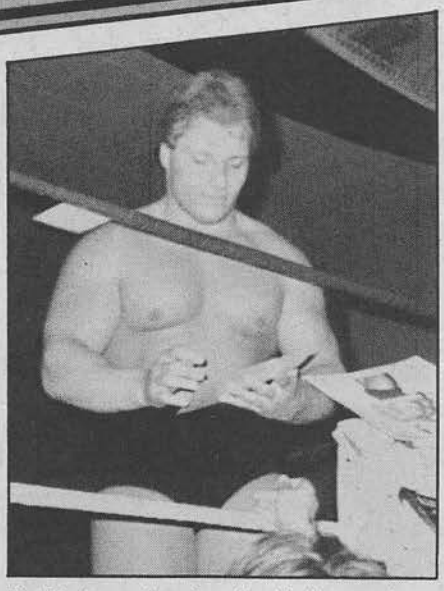


David Sammartino overpowers Brett Hart, the force of his charge carrying Hart almost over the top rope and out of the ring.

DAVID SAMMARTINO
YOUNG & RUTHLESS



David always has time for his fans and signs a multitude of his pin-up photos at every match.

By Mighty Mike Kimmel

At 26 years of age, the handsome and dynamic David Sammartino is one of the brightest young stars on today's pro wrestling scene. Formerly one of the top rated contenders in the colorful World Wrestling Federation, David recently split with that mammoth organization in search of fresher competition and greater individual opportunities elsewhere around the world, and is currently being billed as a main event headliner with a number of smaller, less publicized, independent wrestling networks.

While many fans and insiders alike may still believe that David received his primary training in the ring from his father, the legendary Bruno Sammartino, it was actually the Funk brothers who taught the young man "the ropes" in Amarillo, Texas, some years ago. The two-time WWF champion, in fact, *did not appreciate* his eldest son's intentions to follow in the footsteps of his famous father, and actually cautioned young David quite strongly against the rigors, dangers, and uncertainties inherent in a pro wrestling career.

Nevertheless, David Sammartino is a man with a mind and heart of his own, and elected to pursue a difficult and dangerous career choice with neither the approval nor the assistance of his powerful and supremely knowledgeable father. After his initial training by the world champions Dory and Terry Funk, David competed throughout the Eastern seaboard and Canada, pitting his rookie skills against the considerably more polished tactical repertoires of such longtime Sammartino foemen as Larry Zbyszko, professor Toru Tanaka, Hans Schroeder, and Dick "the Bulldog" Brower.

Since those early bouts, David has battled the topmost competitors of the prestigious National Wrestling Alliance throughout the Southern states area (most notably the rough and tumble Georgia territory), and has travelled to Japan several times on tour, as well. He has benefitted tremendously from his extensive pre-wrestling background in football and heavy powerlifting, parlaying his great strength and muscular

Says David: "I had my chance for the AWA world heavyweight championship and I lost. Stan Hansen was a little bit better than me that night, and he proved it to the whole world. I learned a lot from that match, though, and I plan to put the experience to very good use the next time I climb into the ring with a world champion."

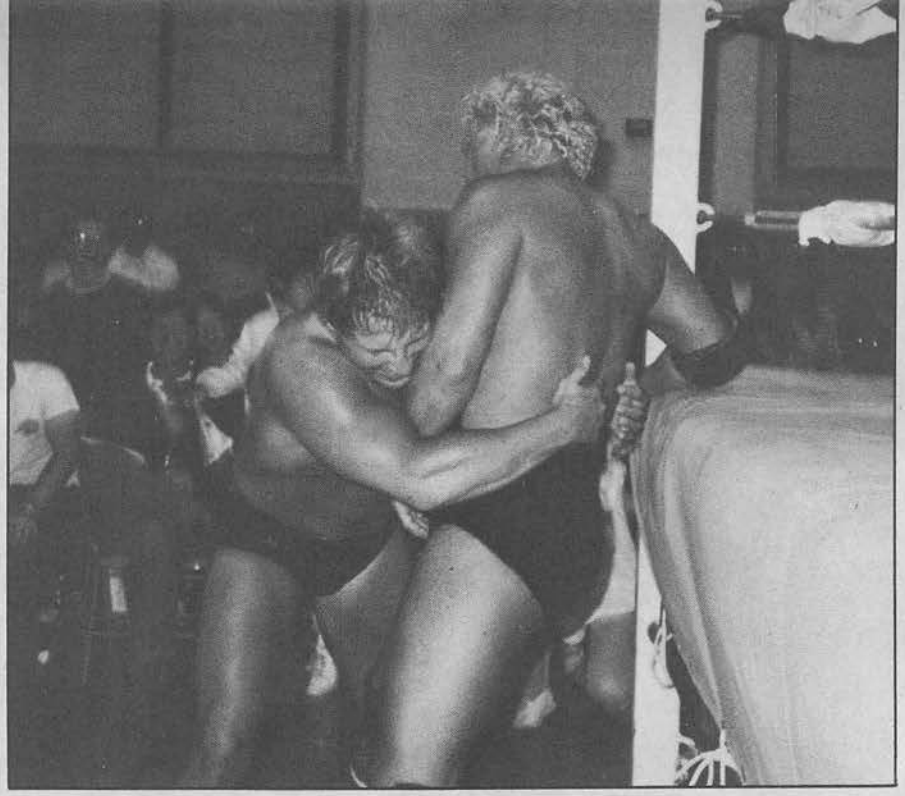
SAMMARTINO

development into an impressive series of rookie victories against very many far more experienced and hardened ring adversaries.

Entered WWF

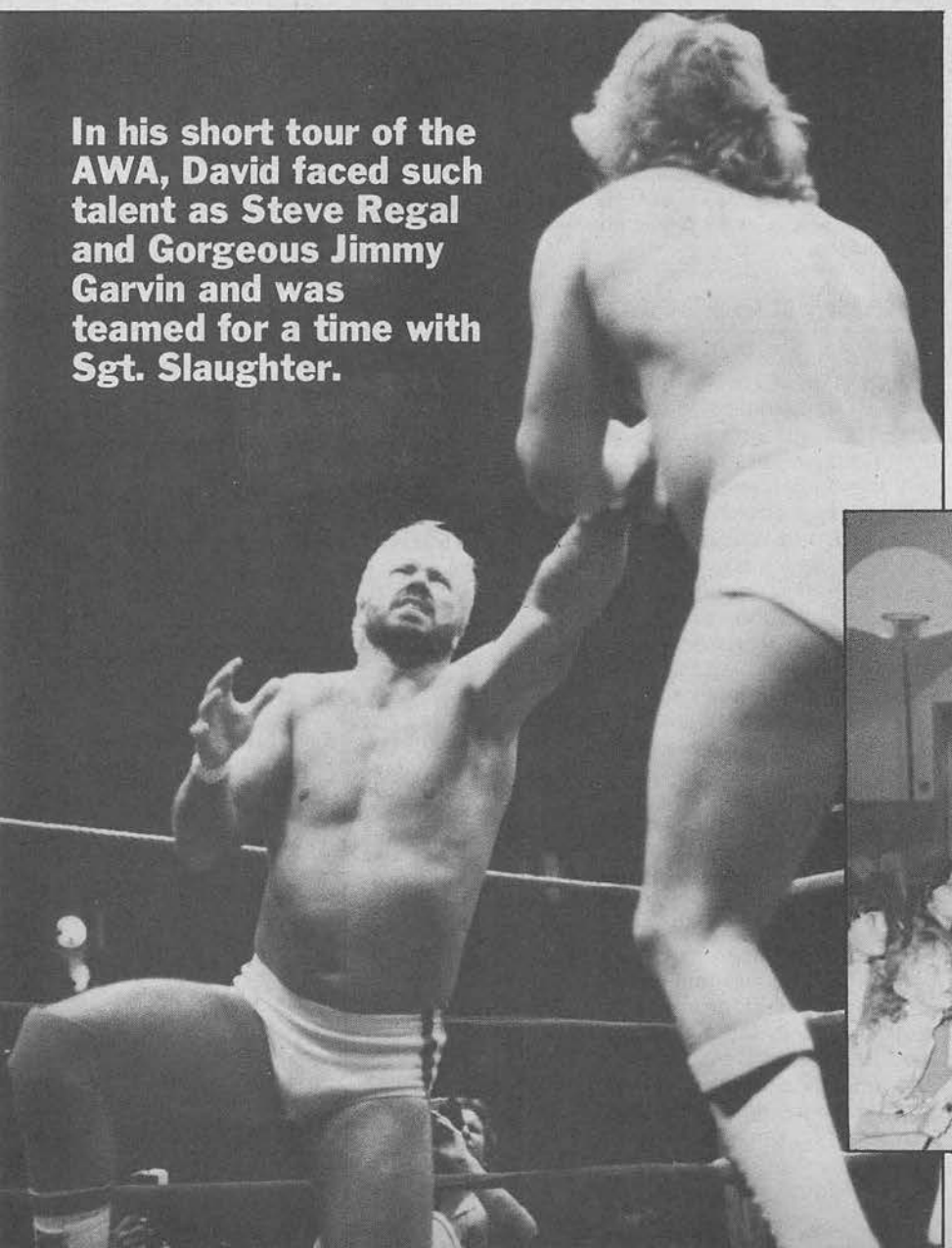
With the invaluable competitive experience gained in action against such luminaries as Killer Tim Brooks, Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin, Ivan Koloff, and Jumbo Tsurata, David soon entered the World Wrestling Federation, where his father had just recently resumed his longtime duties as weekly television color commentator. By this time, David had bulked himself up to a hefty bodyweight of 253 pounds, and was able to put his prodigious physical power into play in most impressive fashion against veteran rulebreakers like Paul Orndorff, the Moondogs, Brett Hart, Brutus Beefcake, and Olympic strongman Ken Patera.

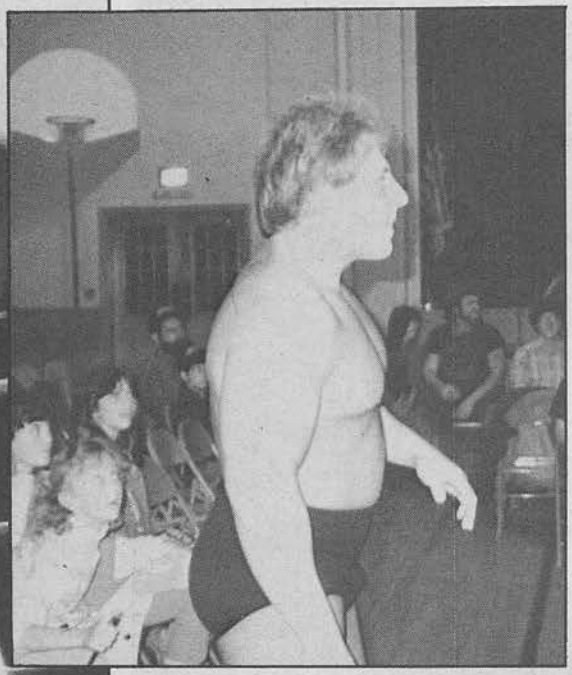
Bruno frequently assisted his son, serving as ringside advisor for David's most important arena contests. While Bruno had originally disapproved of David's pro wrestling ambitions, he had long since realized that the young man's vast strength and superb mental and physical conditioning left him more than



The action is hot and heavy as Sammartino and Schultz battle outside the ring.

In his short tour of the AWA, David faced such talent as Steve Regal and Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin and was teamed for a time with Sgt. Slaughter.



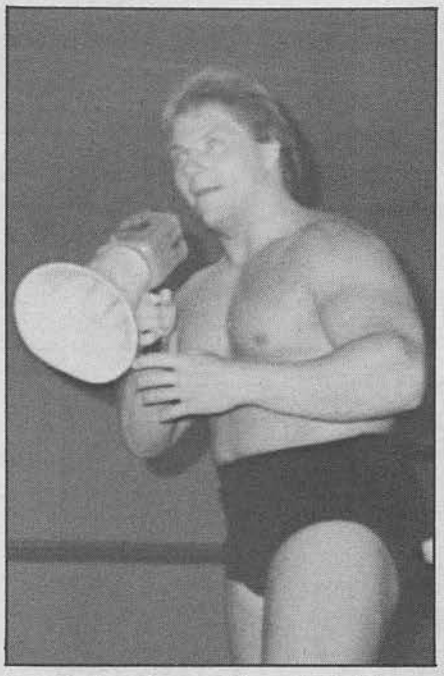


After visiting with his fans David prepares to climb in the ring.

Bruno Sammartino has helped his son only to counteract the illegal tactics of Bobby Heenan, Luscious Johnny Valiant, and Lou Albano.

adequately prepared for a career in the ring.

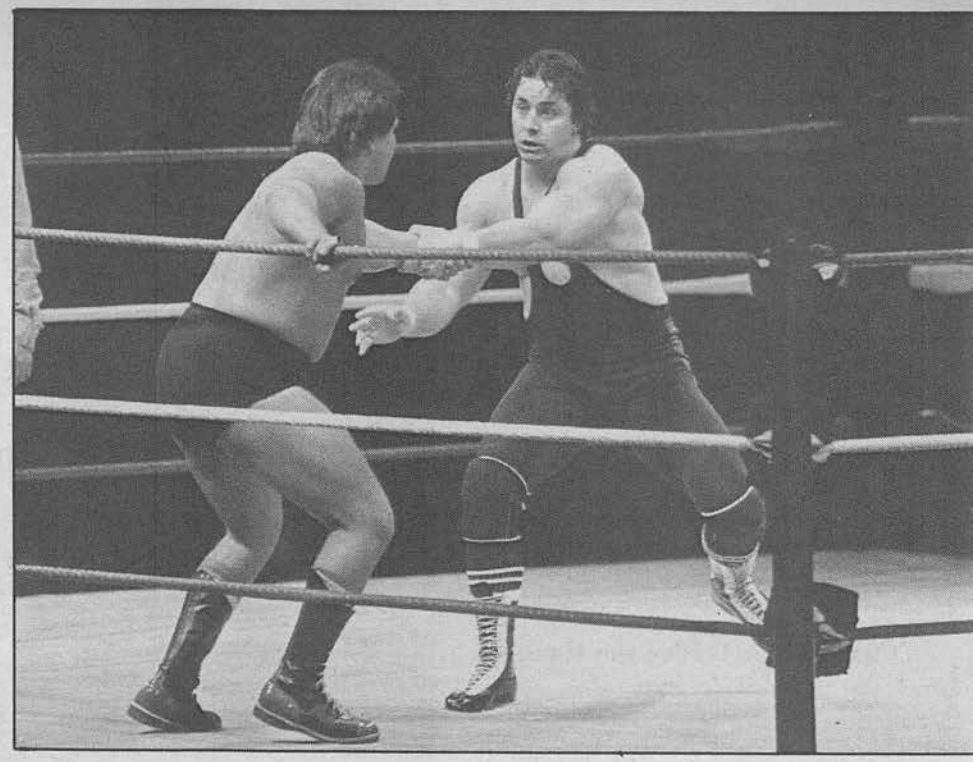
On many occasions, in fact, the legendary two-time champ was forced to interject himself into David's bouts to counteract the illegal interference of such men as Bobby Heenan, Luscious Johnny Valiant, and Captain Lou Albano.

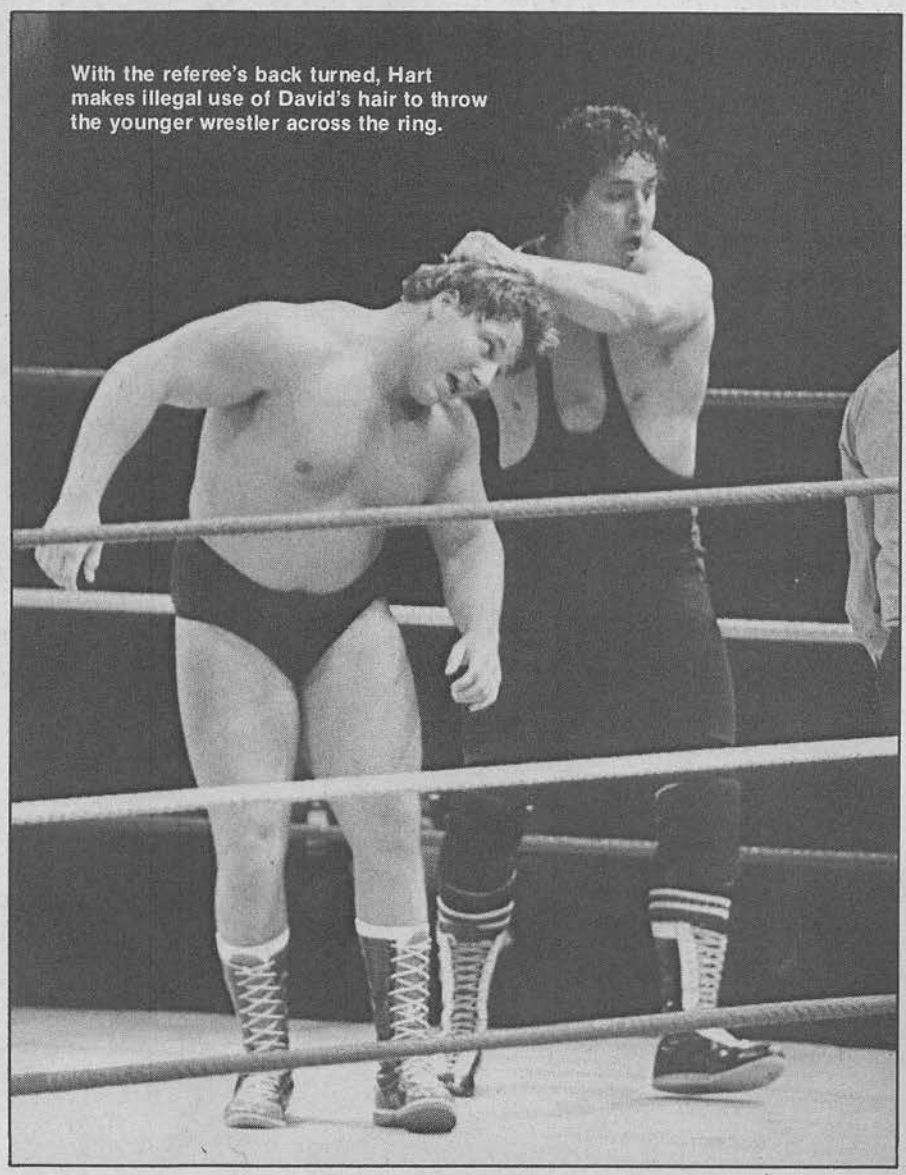


Now it's time for wrestling and David issues a challenge to his next opponent.

Before long, the "living legend" found himself joining up with his Herculean son for main event tag team contests around the country.

But David soon tired of being restricted to only one territory, and left the WWF to maintain his "free agent" status and contend against a variety of opponents in several different promotional areas. Despite the widespread exposure and publicity offered within the WWF, David steadfastly refused to sign his name to a long term, exclusive contract. He demanded the freedom to come and go as he pleased and the opportunity to match his considerable talents against the finest individual competition available





With the referee's back turned, Hart makes illegal use of David's hair to throw the younger wrestler across the ring.

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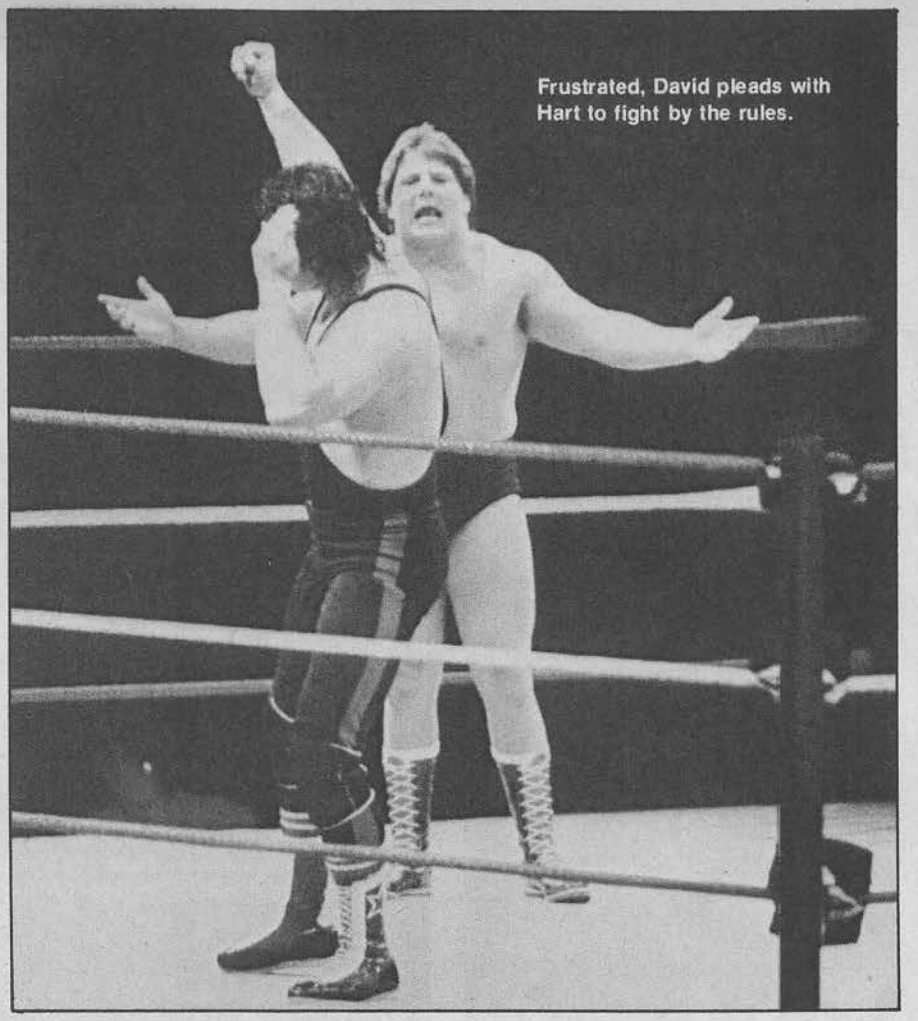
from territory to territory, with the hope of ultimately contending for a major regional championship.

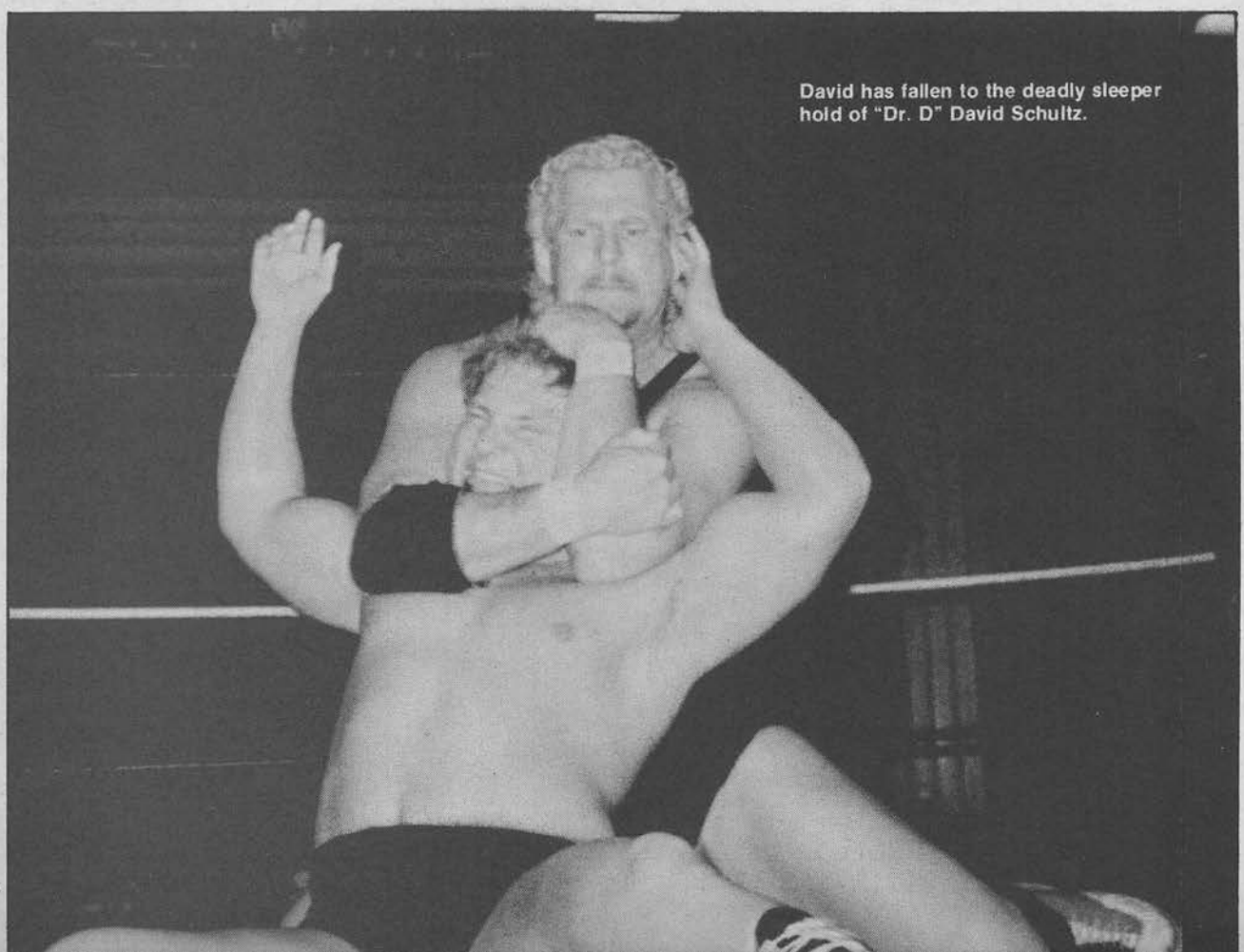
With this lofty goal in mind, David toured briefly through the Midwestern territory of the American Wrestling Association. Although he preferred not to commit himself to a long term exclusive AWA contract, David was immediately signed for numerous main event bouts against the area's top talent, and even found himself teaming with the immensely popular Sgt. Slaughter against Steve Regal and Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin, who then held the group's world tag team title.



Frustrated, David pleads with Hart to fight by the rules.

Showdown With Stan Hansen

Moving steadily to the top, David was next granted a title shot at Stan Hansen's AWA world heavyweight championship. Unfortunately, the 320 pound then-champion proved to be a bit more than the young powerhouse could handle in his first world title attempt. As David Sammartino readily admits, "I had my chance and I lost. Stan Hansen was a little bit better than me that night, and he proved it to the whole world. I



David has fallen to the deadly sleeper hold of "Dr. D" David Schultz.

learned a lot from that match, though, and I plan to put the experience to very good use the next time I climb into the ring with a world champion."

Touring from region to region, David has also crossed paths several times with the notorious "Dr. D" David Schultz, who has been making

After his initial training by Dory and Terry Funk, David competed throughout the Eastern Seaboard and Canada, encountering the likes of Larry Zybszko, Toru Tanaka, Hans Schroeder and Dick "The Bulldog" Brower.

the rounds on the independent pro circuit, as well. Meetings between the two men have been tremendously exciting, if somewhat less than sportsmanlike. Sammartino describes the renegade Schultz as being "one of the toughest, most rugged men that ever stepped inside a pro wrestling ring—exactly the type of topnotch competitor I've been setting my sights upon!!"

David Sammartino, then, appears to have his work cut out for him, and is fully prepared to travel anywhere on earth in search of top flight competitive action. Now boasting a tremendous level of grappling experience at a very young age, David may certainly expect to find that his best years in the ring are still ahead of him, and that a major regional or world championship is soon to be within his powerful and ambitious grasp. •

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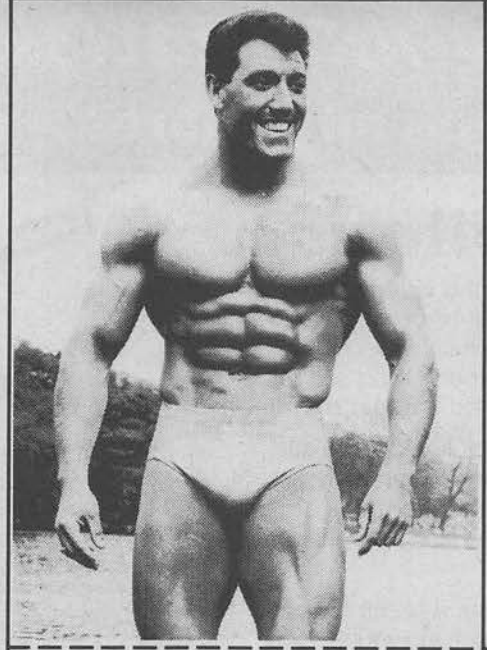

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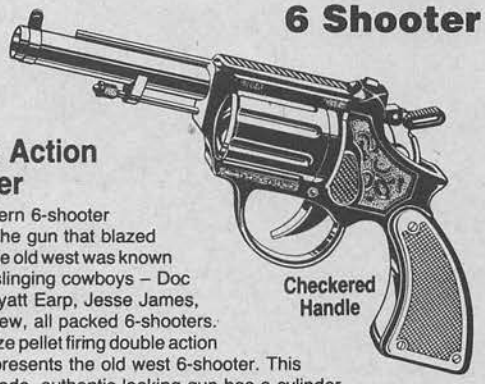

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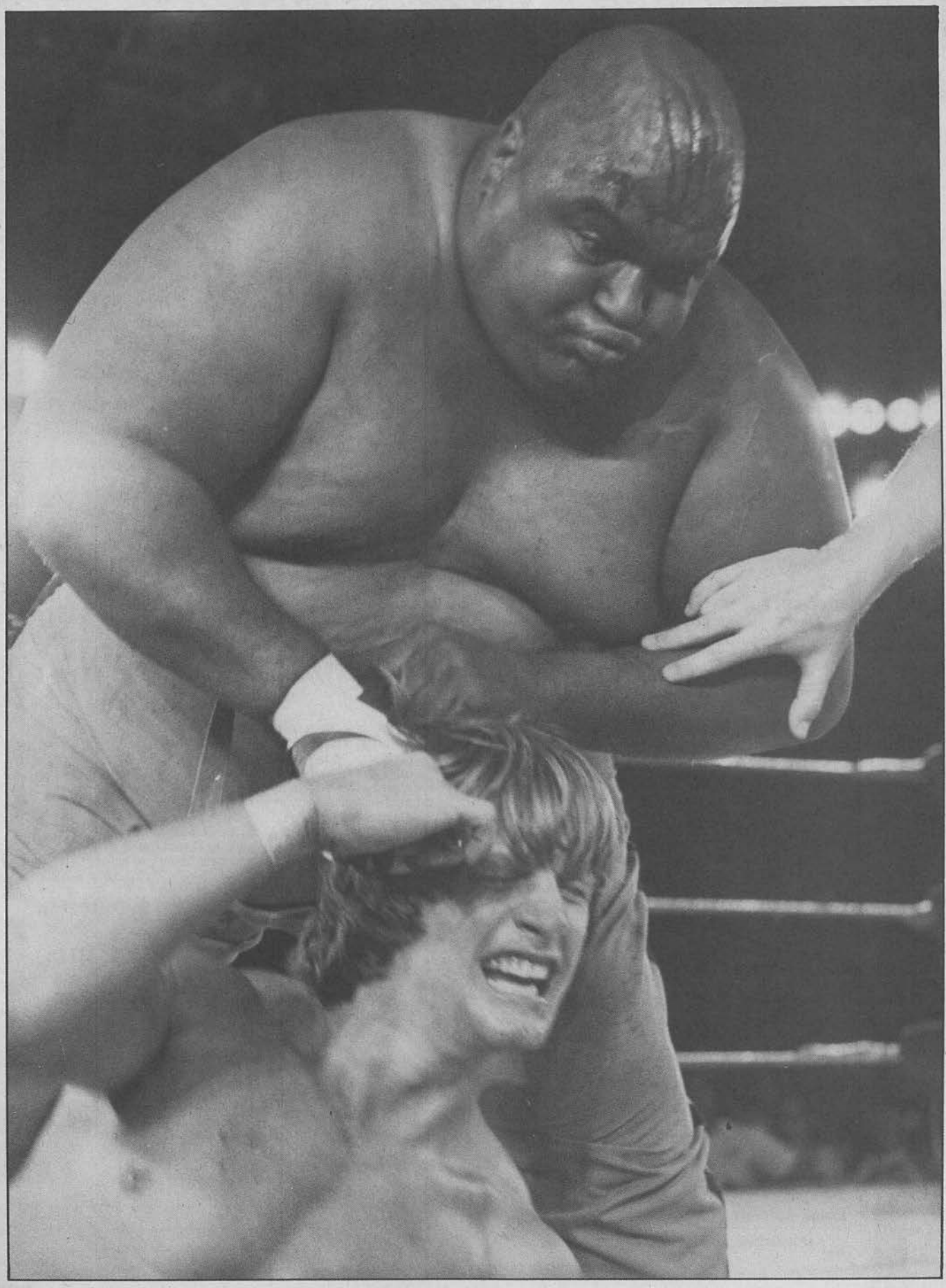

Abdullah The Butcher:

AMBASSADOR OF PAIN

Most wrestlers strive for championships. For them, the pursuit of a title belt is the holy grail. Abdullah "the Butcher" seems to have a different mission. Destruction, chaos, lunacy and blood in the ring are much more to his liking than titles and accolades from the crowd.

Because of his antics, Abdullah is one of wrestling's true international superstars. No other grappler can match the world class schedule of this master of disaster.

His story begins in his native homeland—the Sudan. This tropical nation by the Nile is hardly the area you would expect to spawn a wrestling giant. Its peoples are largely nomad tribesmen, who wander continuously in search of food and shelter. This explains the Butcher's delight in always moving, always searching for a new foreign port where he can practice his particular brand of havoc.

Abdullah's North American invasion began in Canada. His ferocious, vicious style quickly gained him a reputation as a force to be reckoned with. Inevitably, it was on to the United States. In the early 1970's he hit the National Wrestling Federation like a tidal wave. American fans were swiftly outraged by the lunatic style of "the Butcher" that had already repulsed their Canadian counterparts.

It didn't take Abdullah long to win the NWF title. He defended it vigorously and often once he was champion. The Butcher's true nomadic nature could not be suppressed for very long. Having made his imprint on Canada and the United States, the roving Abdullah soon craved a bigger challenge and a new world to conquer. Abdullah made the fateful decision to sail for the Orient and ply his trade over there.

On his last trip to Texas, Abdullah took special delight in torturing Kevin Von Erich. Ring side observers were taunted by the Sudanese giant who chanted "Remember the Alamo!"

This African nomad continually circles the planet in search of new victims for his latest techniques of torture. Did his former manager become his latest experiment in sadism?!

Abdullah took Japan by storm. The Land of the Rising Sun, with its ancient wrestling traditions, had never seen anything like "The Butcher." In short order, Abdullah destroyed all the local legends: Baba the Giant, Jumbo Tsurta, Seji Sagauchi, Tatsumi Fujinami and Antonio Inoki. "The Butcher's" popularity is so great in Japan that he now regular commutes between there and the States. It's interesting to compare the reaction of the fans on both sides of the Pacific.

Over here, fans react with disgust and derision at the antics of this madman. In Japan, the reception is the exact opposite. Abdullah is revered as a sports legend. He can't walk down the streets of any of Japan's major cities without crowds of adoring fans and supporters stopping him.

The wanderer in the Butcher's soul has also led him to Trinidad. In the land of rum and voodoo, Abdullah is also received warmly. In fact, he is almost treated like royalty. Chants of "Abdullah, Abdullah" follow him everywhere he walks.

Abdullah's main nemesis was Carlos Colon. When they meet, it is nothing short of war. The police and local militia are usually on hand to control the surging crowds.

Despite the success and adulation of the fans abroad, the United States is where any wrestler proves his true worth. Some of Abdullah's wildest exploits are legends.

They will not quickly forget the night when Abdullah went to town in Houston. "The Butcher" was scheduled in the headliner against popular favorite, Scott Casey. The match was part of Southwest Championship Wrestling's championship tournament. As Casey paraded around the ring all decked out like a proper Texan, Abdullah stormed out of his dressing room like a bat out of hell. The Butcher reached the ring, at full speed, jumped through the ropes and clobbered Casey from behind.

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Abdullah unleashed his full fury. In minutes, the Cowboy was bleeding heavily, too stunned by the unexpected onslaught to even begin to defend himself.

As is usually the case, the sight of blood made Abdullah even crazier, if that is possible.

Casey was a goner, until Terry Funk, alerted in the dressing room of the vicious attack, sprinted to Casey's rescue. Funk, unfortunately was in for the same treatment as Casey.

Abdullah saw him coming and was prepared. Out of his tights he pulled a fork and proceeded to carve up Funk's head and arm. Blood was spouting everywhere with the

Abdullah rams Carlos Colon's hand into the corner.

Abdullah is caught taping a foreign object around his leg.

Butcher relishing every moment. His mission of destruction accomplished, Abdullah ran back to the dressing room as the police and stadium security struggled to restrain the outraged crowd. With the crowd howling for his blood, Abdullah was not content to leave it alone. He returned to the ring for an encore,

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smashing a staggering Terry Funk back to the canvas with one parting shot. So brutal was the attack that Funk was forced to withdraw from the championship tournament, and had to cancel his next two scheduled dates.

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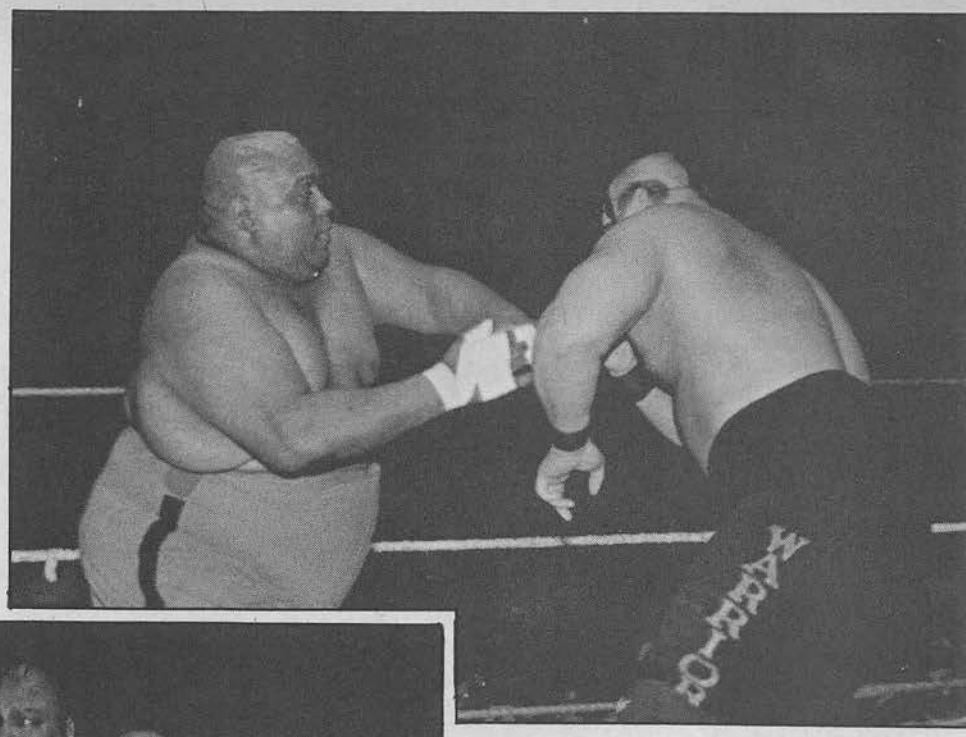
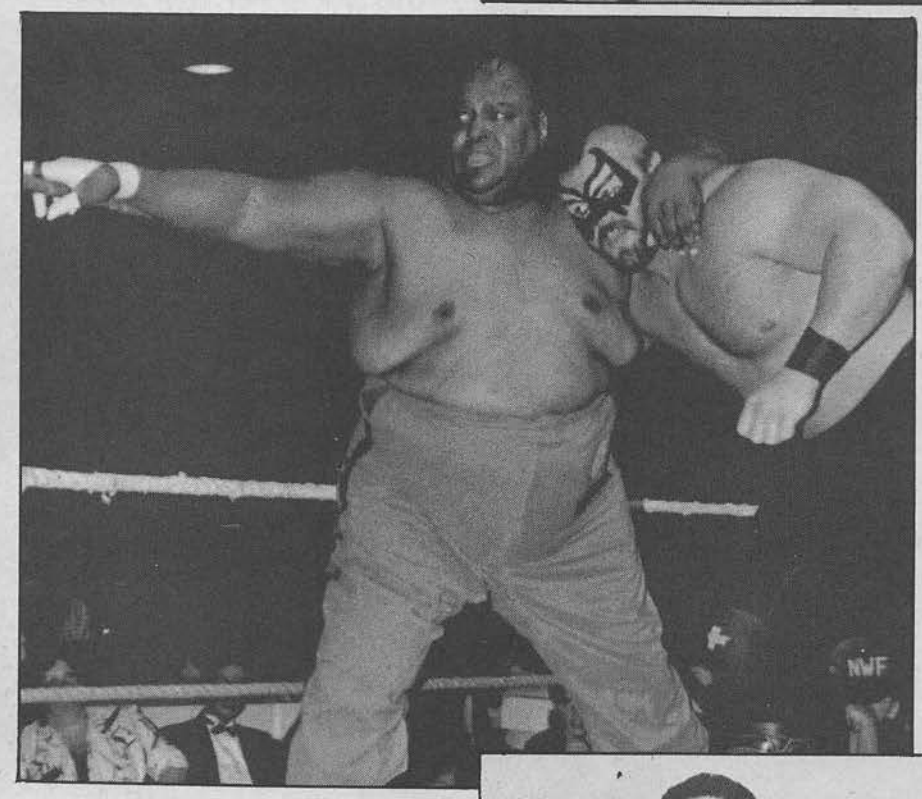


ring. No wrestler has ever put so many opponents in the hospital. It seems that in his twisted mind, inflicting injury and pain are most important.

A trail of blood is his lasting legacy. Is he insane? It's hard to say. he is not the kind of man who takes



Single-handedly, Abdullah devastated the two Road Warriors—both at the same time!

kindly to having his psyche probed. His Caribbean manager and advisor Hugo Savinovitch offers this assessment: "Some people think Abdullah has no mind, that he is stupid. The truth is that he is highly literate. He only associates with those who he feels are in his social standing. Why should a world traveler, an internationally respected athlete, lower himself to talk to the low lifes who come to the arenas? Most of these people are far, far below the great Abdullah. He travels in a circle of the rich, famous and powerful. Only on that level does Abdullah feel comfortable. Abdullah feels that all his opponents are beneath him. That is why he treats

His former manager Hugo Savinovitch disappeared after giving this magazine the character sketch of Abdullah that appears in this article. The inevitable question: was The Butcher guilty of foul play *outside the ring!*

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them in the manner that he does."

It has been rumored that on occasion, Abdullah has performed the role of enforcer for some of his powerful friends or their clients.

It's not clear what the future holds for "The Butcher." Many managers, wrestlers, fans, and arena operators have called for his expulsion from the sport. The cost in blood in the ring and riots in the stands is much too high, they argue.

Wrestling has always had its colorful characters like the Sheik and George "The Animal" Steele. Abdullah has, however, lifted craziness to a new and dangerous dimension. But it would not be wise to wager that "The Butcher" will change his ways. We can probably expect him to continue traveling the globe in search of new ports to unleash his craziness.

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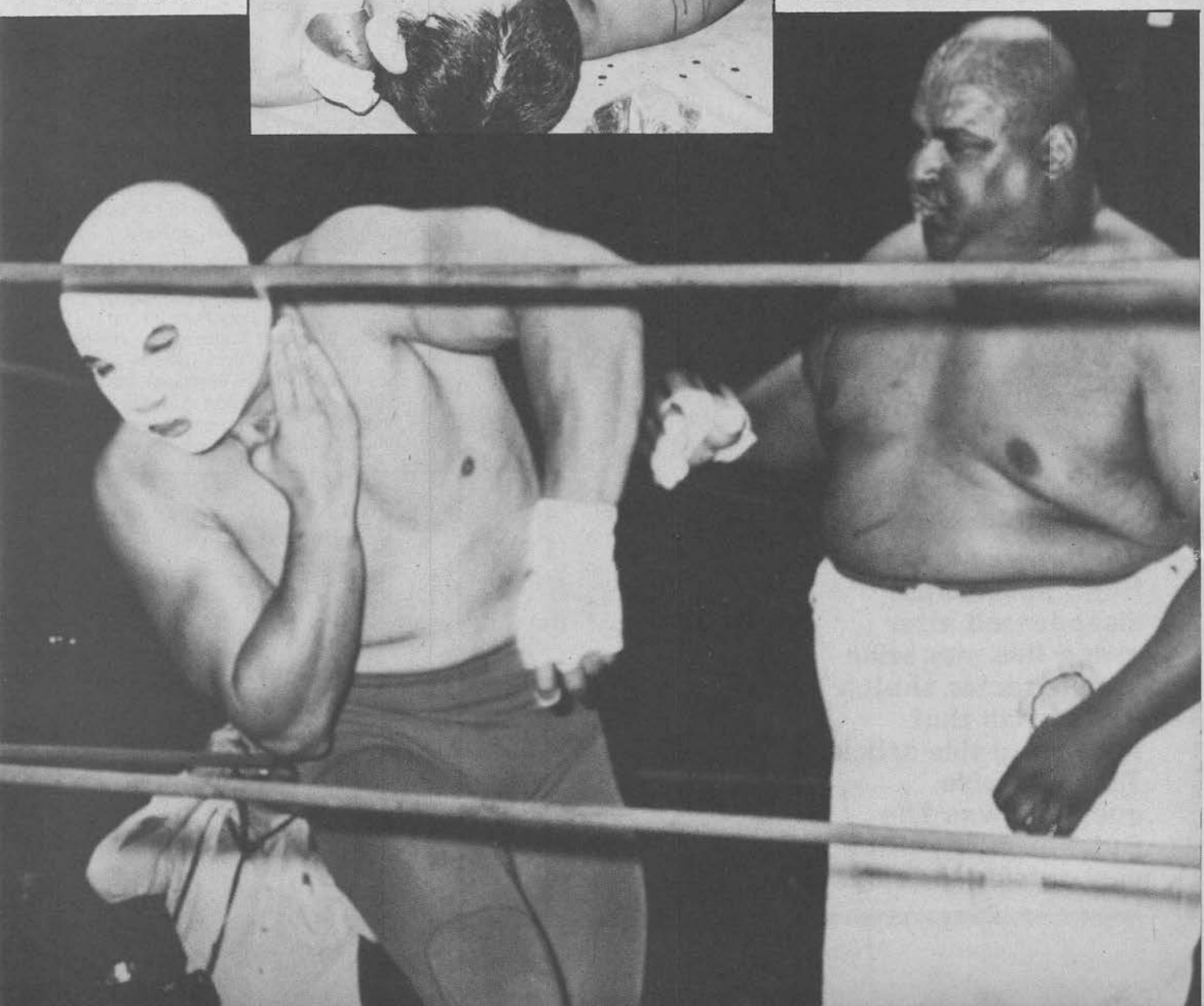
The wild Abdullah chokes Baba the Giant during a Tokyo, Japan match.

Abdullah's judo chop stuns the Invader.



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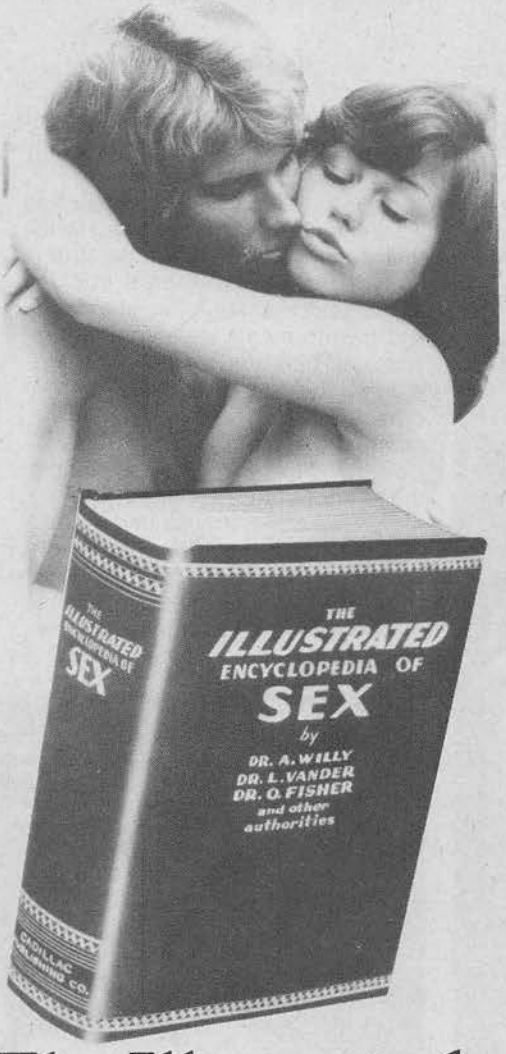

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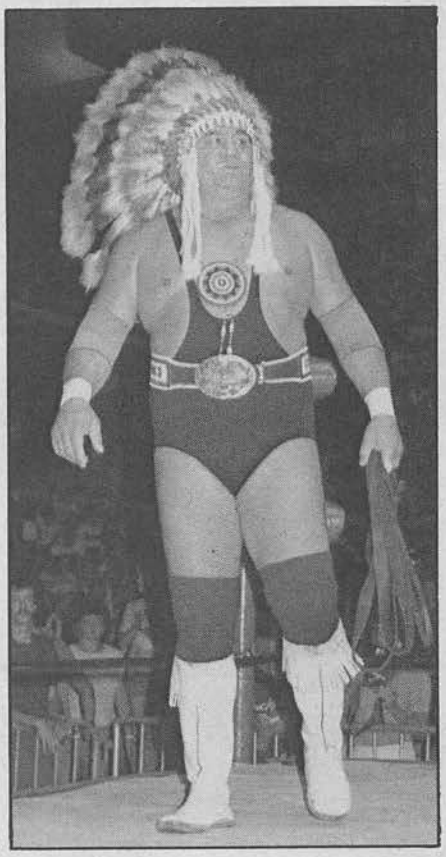
and his ever present tennis racket, Bubba got the duke.

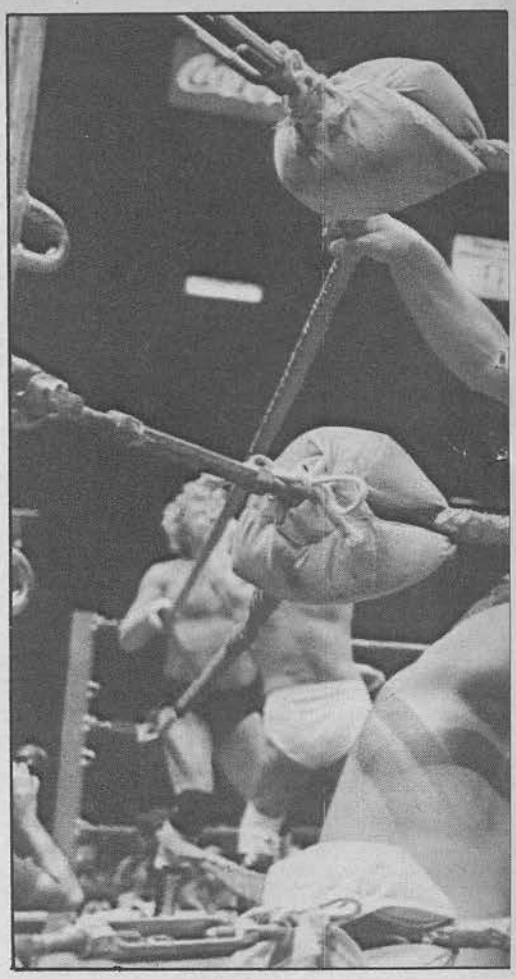
The N.W.A. World TV Title was on the line in a First Blood Match. Champion Dusty Rhodes took on challenger and former champ Tully Blanchard. The match was fast and furious right from the start. Dusty drew first blood, but unfortunately for the Dream the ref had been knocked out in a collision (previously). Seeing this Dusty tried to revive the fallen ref. Tully's manager J.J. Dillon proceeded to wipe the blood from Blanchard's head and close the cut up with some type of ointment. When Dusty turned around Tully cracked him in the head with a roll of quarters and busted him wide open. The ref, still a little groggy, saw the blood on Rhodes and declared Blanchard the winner and new champion.

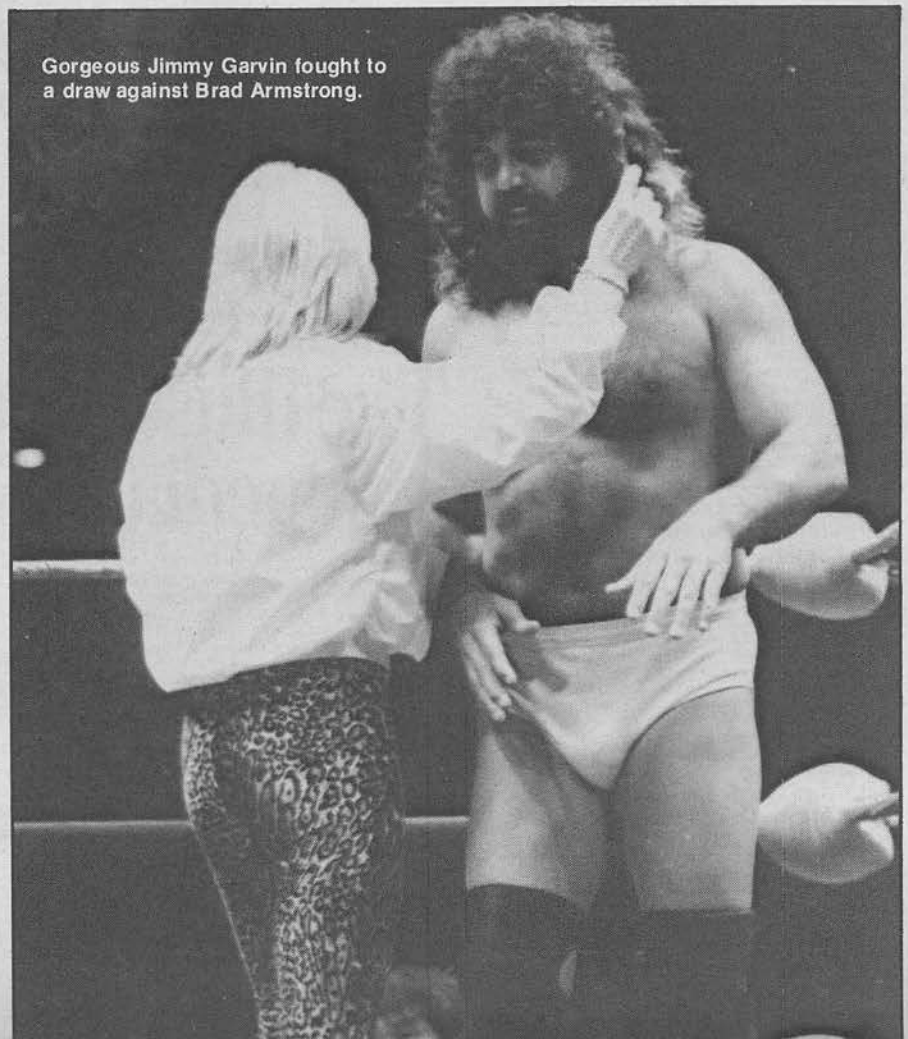


The Indian Strap Match had Ravishing Ric Rude testing the mettle of Wahoo McDaniel who taught Rude a few tricks enroute to victory, dragging Rude around the ring, touching all four turnbuckles.

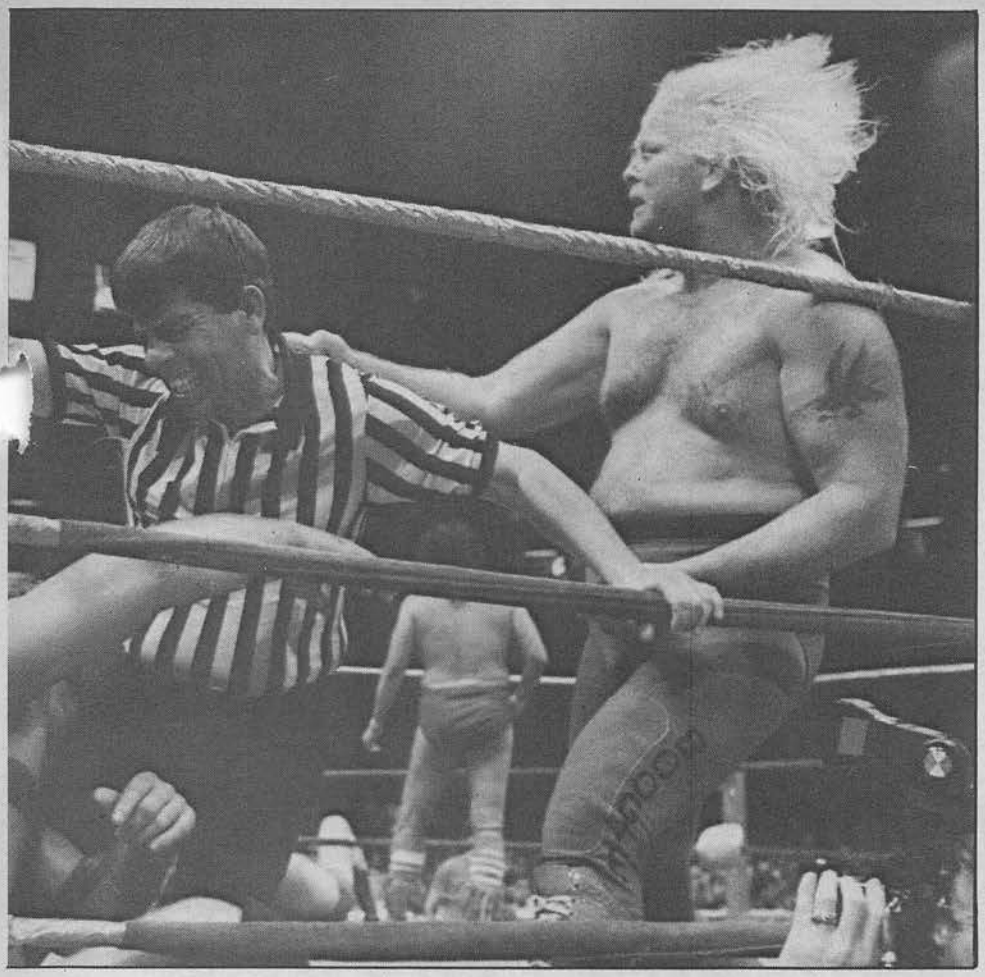
Scaffold Match

The next match was the theme of Starrcade, the Scaffold Match, with the participants deemed the "Skywalkers". First to enter the ring were Midnight Express, along with their manager, Jim Cornette, and his bodyguard, Bubba Rogers. Looking at the scaffold was an awesome sight. Both teams were confident of victory. Then the Road Warriors entered the ring to the roars of the crowd. The Warriors immediately climbed the scaffold. Eaton & Condrey were very leary of climbing the scaffold but after about five minutes the match was underway and the Road Warriors were in full control. It didn't take long before the Express were both bloody. Balance played a big part in the bout. Hawk almost had Eaton off the scaffold on





Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin fought to a draw against Brad Armstrong.



A showdown between Jimmy Valiant and Paul Jones saw the defeated Jones have his head shaved as a badge of disgrace.

In their First Blood Match, Dusty Rhodes scored first by cutting Tully Blanchard's head but the American Dream lost the decision when the dazed referee made the wrong call.

numerous occasions but Eaton managed to hang on. Both teams wound up hanging from underneath the scaffold. Animal, Condrey, Hawk, and Eaton in that order. The Warriors kicking their opponents and Eaton was first to go down with Condrey following soon after. Animal & Hawk were victorious.

Steel Cage Match

The action then shifted back to Greensboro where the Rock & Roll Express put their World Tag-Team Titles on the line in a Steel Cage match against the Minnesota Wrecking Crew, Ole & Arn Anderson. The match started off at a fast pace. Both teams tried to gain the early advantage with quick armdrag takedowns and fireman carries, trying to wear the opposition down. It wasn't too long before the Andersons started doing what they do best and that's brawl. They quickly cut up Ricky Morton by repeatedly throwing him headfirst into the cage. After finally tagging out to Gibson the R&R's came on like a house on fire. Towards the end of the match the

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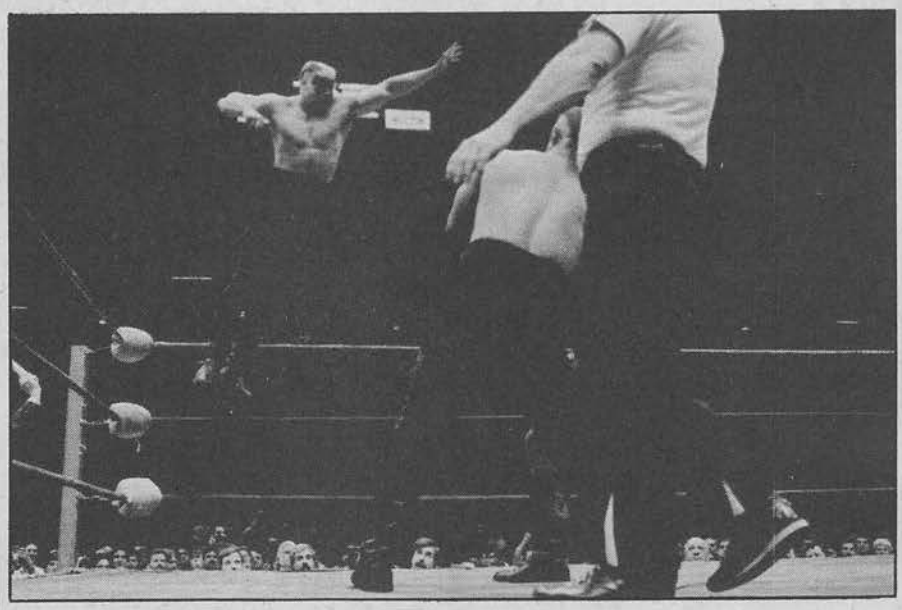
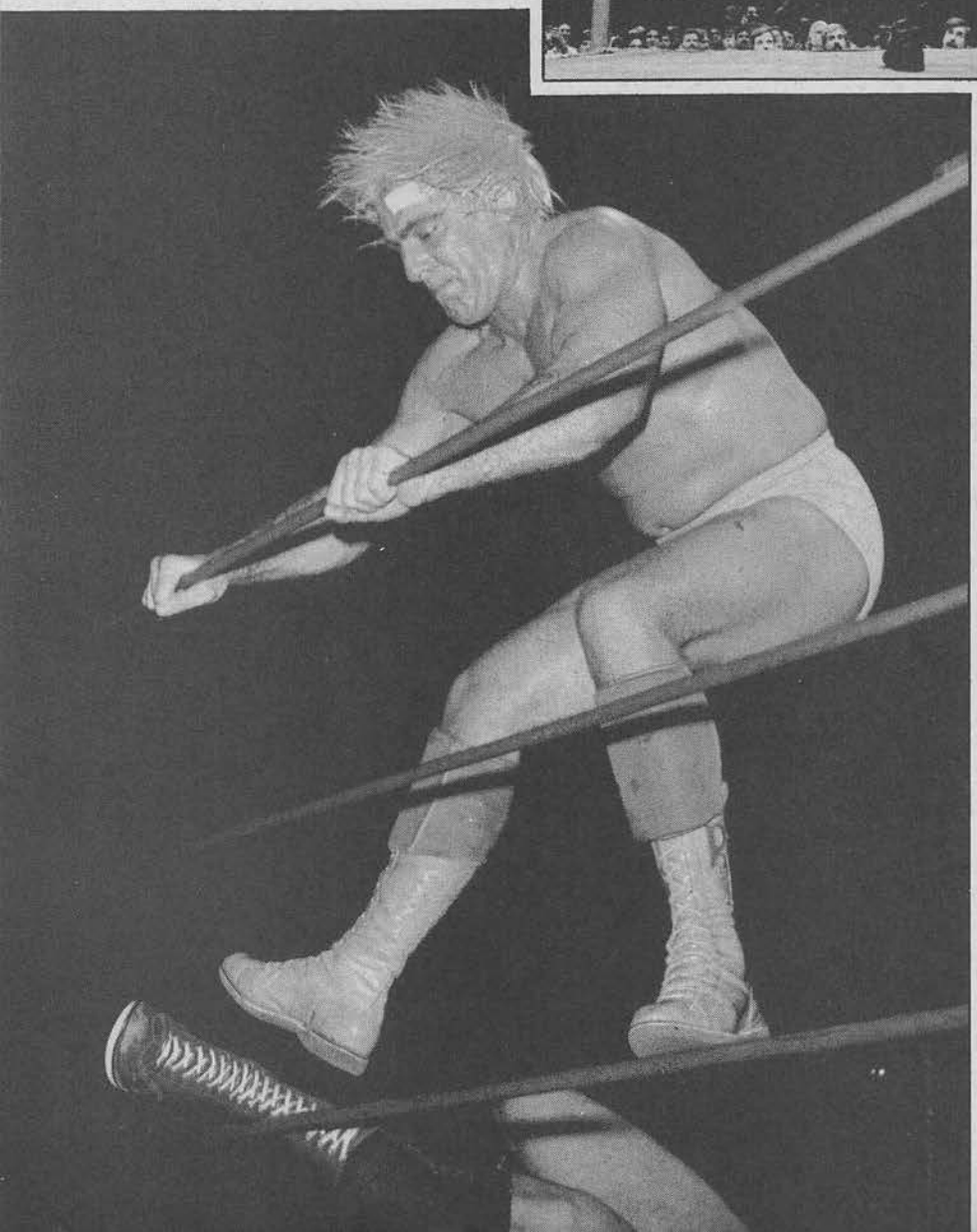
referee lost all control, with all 4 grapplers battling it out in the ring at the same time. In all the confusion, Ricky Morton caught Ole Anderson in a small package to secure the win and successfully defend their tag-team titles.

World Heavyweight Championship

The final match of the evening was for the N.W.A. Worlds Heavyweight Championship. Chalenger Nikita Koloff was hoping to upset champion Ric Flair. In previous encounters Koloff has given Flair a run for his money, each time falling just short of winning the strap. Nikita dominated the early part of this match literally man-handling Flair, throwing him from one side of the ring to the other. No matter what Flair did, Koloff kept coming on strong. In the heat of the struggle referee Tommy Young was getting pushed and shoved all over the ring. After putting up with only so much, Young disqualified both wrestlers for their actions. This didn't stop Flair and Koloff who seemed oblivious to the bell. They kept fighting tooth and nail with no end in sight. Two more referees came to the ring to try and restore some order and were greeted with the Russian Sickle, courtesy of Nikita. Finally wrestlers started pouring out of the dressing rooms and after about 10 minutes finally separated the two and returned them to their respective dressing rooms.



Four men at war on a scaffold!—The Road Warriors victorious over The Midnight Express who got a crash course in high altitude grappling.



With Ric Flair defending his NWA Heavyweight title against Nikita Koloff, the action got so hot and heavy that the two wrestlers totally disregarded the referee who disqualified the match.

Thus came to a close one of the biggest wrestling extravaganzas of the entire year. All fans in attendance knew they more than got their money's worth. Congratulations must go out to Jim Crockett Promotions and everybody involved that helped make Starrcade 86 better than the year before. Talks for Starrcade 87 are already under way and knowing the Crocketts it will be better than ever.

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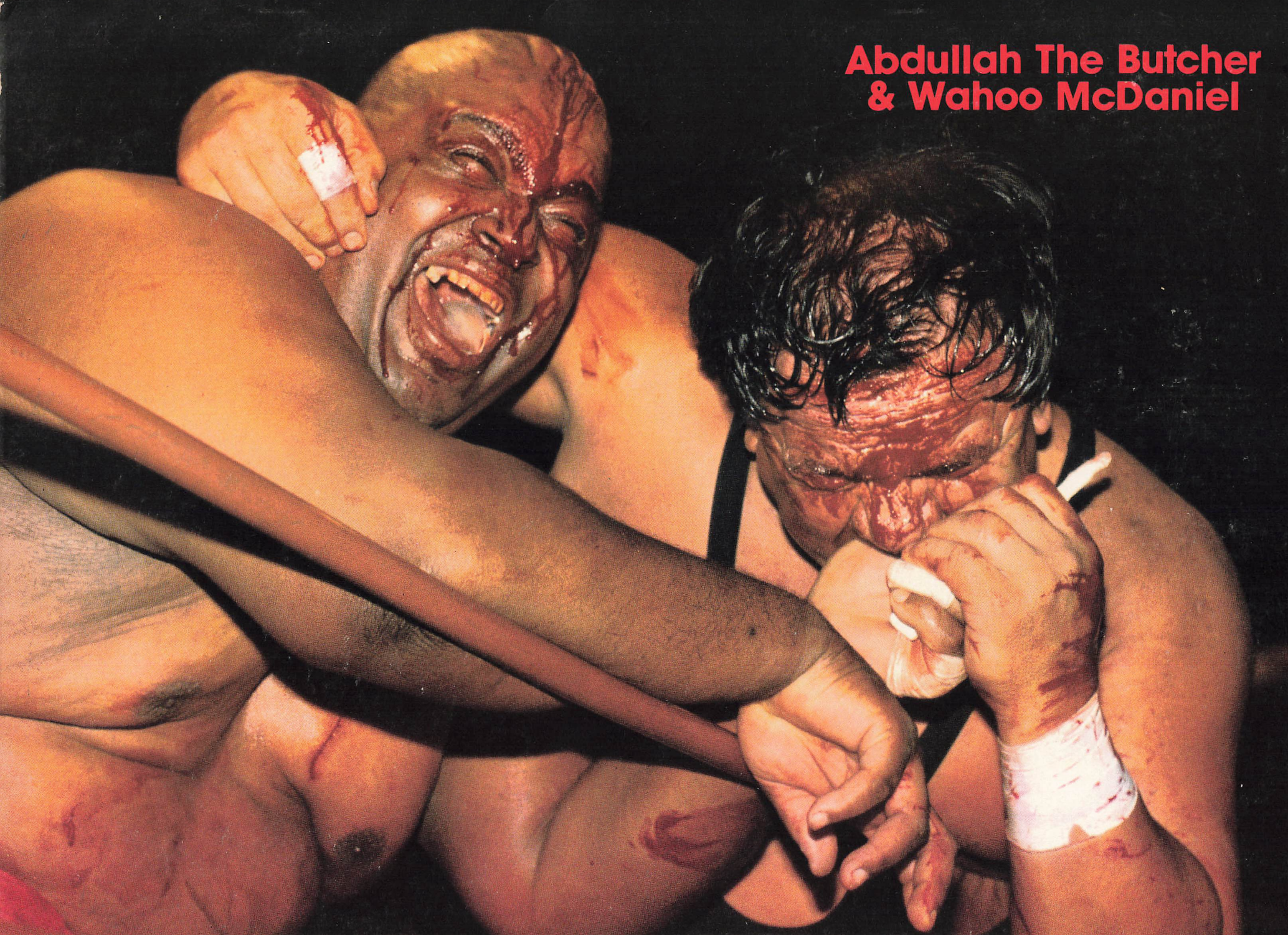
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